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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: ... While we are on the telepresence issue, I have one further query. We mentioned earlier—and if the officer has gone now, please take this on notice—that part of the provision of telepresence rooms was what was provided under COAG to state premiers, as one example. I am curious about what the access arrangements are for the Commonwealth to such telepresence facilities. Is this something that the Commonwealth helped fund and are there any access protocols? Certainly I know that there is some information available as to their locations, but what is not clear is the access protocols.

Ms Moy: We would have to take that on notice.

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Answer:

Telepresence facilities, which are located in States and Territories, are paid for by relevant States and Territories. Access to these facilities is available to those who have Commonwealth, State and Territory, or COAG related meeting requirements.

Facilities are booked using the National Telepresence online booking system. To obtain a user name and password for access to the online booking system, prospective users should contact the Department of Finance, Government Network Services service desk. Users are then able to book Telepresence facilities located in Commonwealth or State Government tenancies; however, additional conditions apply in some locations.