

1 Q. **C-199, Replace Peripheral Infrastructure \$328,000**

2 It is stated that this budget includes funds for expanding the video conferencing  
3 bridge for an increased number of video end-points. How many locations currently  
4 have video conferencing and how many will be added with this project?

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7 A. The following locations currently have video conferencing ability:

St. John's	Stephenville
Whitbourne	Port Saunders
Holyrood	St. Anthony
Bishop's Falls	Goose Bay
Bay d'Espoir	Wabush
Deer Lake	

8 There is no plan to increase the number of video conferencing units in 2012. The  
9 expansion of the video conferencing bridge is required to accommodate and  
10 expand on the capabilities of the seven video conferencing units added in 2011.

11 These seven units are currently running on the network, however, the expansion  
12 will accommodate the following:

- 13 - Allow broadcast from one location to all Hydro locations. The current  
14 system cannot connect to all endpoints; and
- 15 - Allow the video conference units to operate using only half the  
16 communication bandwidth now required. This will allow for improved  
17 performance and less impact on other network traffic.