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GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SYSTEM

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY AGENCY BILL

The Minister in the Presidency intends introducing the Media Development and Diversity Agency Bill 2001 in the National Assembly during December 2001. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with Rule 241(c) of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The Bill provides for -

The establishment of the Media Development and Diversity Agency to help create an enabling environment for media development and diversity in the South African media industry.

The establishment of the Media Development and Diversity Agency Board to oversee the functions of the Agency in ensuring that funding and other support is provided primarily to community media and non-funding support to small commercial media projects.

The determination of projects to be supported and the types of support available to successful applicants to the Agency.

The making of regulations regarding any matter that is required or permitted to be prescribed in terms of this Bill, specifically with regard to funding criteria and how these are to be administered.

The determination of finances for the Agency.

Once the Bill has been tabled in Parliament, a copy can be obtained from:

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