

Zuma announces new Cabinet

President Jacob Zuma announced his new cabinet at a special media briefing in Pretoria last night.

He said some of the departments had been changed, while others had been combined.

One of the new ministries will be the Ministry for Telecommunications and Postal Services.



(Image: GCIS)

President Zuma said the new department was due to the fast-growing postal sector. He said a new department will ensure the country derives more value out of the telecommunications industry and postal sector.

The National Planning Commission and the Ministry for Performance Monitoring and Evaluation has been combined into one Ministry to harmonise planning and monitoring.

A new Communications Ministry has also been established for overarching communication policy and strategy, information dissemination and publicity and the branding of the country abroad, Zuma said. He added that improved marketing of the country would promote investment in the country.

He said this department would include the Independent Communications Authority of SA ICASA, the public broadcaster, the SABC, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), BrandSA and the Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA).

The functions related to the support of people with disabilities have been transferred to the Social Development Department.

The Ministry of Women, Children and People with Disabilities has become the Ministry of Women, located in the Presidency.

The Departments of Justice and Constitutional Development have been combined to be called the Department of Justice and Correctional Services.

Zuma has also established a Ministry of Water and Sanitation and a Ministry for Small Business Development.

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