

# Integrated ICT Policy Review Recommendations

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## Purpose: To Outline the Process Going Forward

- The DTPS welcomes the Recommendations Report which is the work of the ICT Policy Review Panel led by the Chairperson of the Review Panel and the various Chairpersons of the Committee and Panel Members.
- Officially the process has been handed over to the DTPS as the Review has now been concluded.
- The next step is for the DTPS to commence with the analysis of the Recommendations Report and the engagement thereof.
- The analysis and engagement will result in the culmination of decisions on issues that will be taken forward and lead to the drafting of a White Paper.
- The Draft White Paper will be taken through the requisite Cluster and Cabinet processes for consultation and final approval.
- The White Paper will be finalised by the end of the 2015 Calendar year.
- Thereafter, the drafting of the Legislation will taken place in the 2015/16 financial year;
- The Bill will be introduced to Parliament in the 2016/17 financial year.



## Current Status Toward The Development Of An Integrated ICT Policy White Paper

- The Minister is still to consider the Recommendations Report; which will inform the White Paper development process.
  
- Socio-economic regulatory impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis to be undertaken on some policy issues, to ensure that the policy is evidence based;
  
- Identify additional areas of desktop research and benchmarking for specific policy areas e.g. Establishment of the ICT Development Fund; New institutional arrangements; Spectrum



# Government Consultation on the White Paper

- Internally in the DTPS

- SMS meeting
- Top Management
- Executive Committee
- State Owned Companies

- Government Clusters

- Economic and Infrastructure Cluster
- Social Cluster
- Justice, Crime Prevention and Security Cluster

- Cabinet Committees

- Economic Sectors Investment and Employment
- Social
- Economic

- Commence Cabinet Process in October 2015



## Work Activities Currently Underway

- ❑ The Review Report puts forward a total of 173 Policy Recommendations;
- ❑ Some of the policy areas highlighted in Recommendations Report have been factored into the programme of the DTSP (APP 2015/16). These include the following:
  - ❖ Development of Rapid Deployment Policy
  - ❖ Local Loop Strategy
  - ❖ Cost to Communicate
  - ❖ National Address System
  - ❖ Spectrum Policy
  - ❖ SOC Rationalisation
  - ❖ Development of the National e-Strategy



## Budget Implications on the current work

Policy Issue	Budget	Responsible Branch
Rapid Deployment Policy	R5,379,600.00	DDG, Mr Tinyiko Ngobeni
Local Loop Strategy	R3,000,000.00	DDG, Mr Themba Phiri
Cost to Communicate	R2,300,000.00	DDG, Mr Themba Phiri
National Address System	R500, 000.00	DDG, Themba Phiri
Spectrum Policy	R100,000.00	DDG, Mr Tinyiko Ngobeni
National e-Strategy Development	R500, 000.00	DDG, Mr Themba Phiri
SOC Rationalisation (service provider appointment to advise on the proposals)	R5 000,000.00	DDG, Mr Sibongile Makopi