

DST prioritises ICT

SCIENCE and Technology Minister Mosibudi Mangena has outlined the 2006/7 budget allocation for his department, which has seen an inflow of an additional R1.2 billion.

Mangena told Parliament in his budget vote that the Department of Science and Technology had seen an increase of 26% to its budget allocation, most of which will be used to fund new scientific research infrastructure such as the Centre for High Performance Computing.

Mangena said SA was also involved in a number of science and technology initiatives and international partnerships, especially in ICT. One major initiative is the South African Research Network – a high-speed network that will enable the exchange of research data between SA and foreign research institutions.

Mangena said: "One of our flagship projects is the development of a high-speed broadband network in the region. This is the UbuntuNet project, the first phase of implementation of which has begun with a total funding of R178 million."

—Staff Reporter

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