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Institutions in the Minister's area of responsibility include the:

- 1.1 Government Communications – Minister and Executive Authority.
- 1.2 International Marketing Council – Executive Authority in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act 1 of 1999).
- 1.3 Media Development and Diversity Agency – Executive Authority in terms of the PFMA.
- 1.4 The Presidency – Specific political responsibility for the Office on the Status of Women, Office on the Status of Disabled People and Office on the Rights of the Child.
- 1.5 National Youth Commission (NYC) – the Minister is charged with the administration of the NYC Act, 1996 (as amended in 2000). He meets with the Executive of the Commission on a two-monthly basis to provide political and strategic guidance and also to fulfil the responsibilities of Executive Authority of the NYC.

A summary of the areas of involvement and work of the Minister

Apart from the specific responsibilities outlined above, the Minister is involved in a wide range of activities and projects. These include:

- presenting all Cabinet Memoranda emanating from The Presidency at full Cabinet meetings
 - presenting Current Affairs discussions as a standing item at all (full) Cabinet meetings
 - member of the Board and Executive Committee of the IMC
 - member of the extended South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) Core Group of Ministers
 - convening an *ad hoc* group to assist in moving the work of the Freedom Park Trust forward
 - convening an *ad hoc* group to assess the work and progress on the institutionalisation of a new System of National Orders
 - establishing close working relations with the South African Chapter of the African Renaissance
 - meetings on a regular basis with all major media houses (print and electronic) and a group of fund managers
 - attending the regular Presidency Advisers' Forum
 - chairperson and member of the Board of Trustees of the South African Democracy Education Trust
 - chairperson of the Inter-Ministerial Task Team for the 10th Anniversary Celebrations and the Inauguration.
- member of the Cabinet committees on the Economic; Investment and Employment; Social; International Relations, Peace and Security; and the Governance and Administration Clusters

Official Ministerial visits abroad

Country visited	Date	Purpose of visit
Mali	April 2003	To sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Mali and the Government of the Republic of South Africa with regard to the preservation of ancient manuscripts in Timbuktu
Botswana	May 2003	To attend a Commonwealth Meeting of Ministers responsible for youth
London	July 2003	To attend the launch of the Nelson Mandela-Rhodes Foundation
Iran	July 2003	Official visit to the Head of The Presidency in the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Excellency M Khatami
Mongolia	September 2003	To attend the fifth United Nations International Conference on New or Restored Democracies
Switzerland	September 2003	To attend the handover of the <i>2010 Bid Book</i>
Colombo / Malaysia / India	October 2003	To attend the fourth Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation (IOR-ARC) and 10th session of the Islamic Summit Conference, and part of the Presidential delegation's State Visit
London	October 2003	To attend the first major international conference convened by members of the former anti-Apartheid movement in the United Kingdom to mark the 10th Anniversary of Democracy in South Africa
Canada	November 2003	Part of the delegation for the State Visit
Czech Republic / Poland	November 2003	Official visit
India	January 2004	To attend the Confederation of Indian Industries Summit as well as meetings with regard to the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Strategic Partnership