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The Department of Finance's new Internet Web Site - www.finance.gov.za - will be fully operational as from Monday March 9 1998. Full details of the national budget will be posted, including the text of the Budget Speech, when the Minister of Finance starts his Speech in Parliament on Wednesday, 11 March 1998, at around 14:00.

This is another step in the Department of Finance's progress towards communicating government economic policy consistently and transparently. The site will be updated regularly with fresh information.

The new site contains information about the activities of the Department of Finance, its staff and operations, including:

- The budget speech, budget review and other supporting documentation (the information will become available once the minister starts with his speech on Wednesday, 11 March);
- The latest news from the department, including press releases, speeches and other economic information.
- A section with information about tax policy, macro-economic policy, intergovernmental relations, international development finance and more.
- The organisational structure, curriculum vitae and photographs of the top management, a listing of job opportunities and a feedback facility to enable the public to submit any comments to the department.
- A general section, including a handy user's guide, a site search facility and a page containing links to other relevant financial Internet Sites.

The previous Budget Web Site will be fully incorporated in the new Department of Finance Web Site.

Technical and other general queries about the web site can be made to Mollie Kruger on (012) 315-5073.

A further service that the Department of Finance is offering is an email list for the Budget Speech. E-mail addresses may be forwarded to info@finance.pwv.gov.za in order to receive the speech when the minister begins speaking on March 11 1998.