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Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism

OPEN LINE TO THE MINISTER: MINISTER MOOSA LAUNCHES INTERNET CHATROOM TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH PUBLIC

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mohammed Valli Moosa, today launched an internet chatroom which will see members of the public communicating directly to him.

Minister Moosa launched the chatroom in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) during a policy debate on the Environmental Affairs and Tourism budget vote.

Every Monday for the next three months, any member of the public can log onto the department website - www.environment.gov.za - between 5pm and 6pm and chat live to the Minister.

He told NCOP members that the chatroom is an addition to the communication tools the department uses to improve two-way communication with the people of South Africa, and will further assist in narrowing the digital divide.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the live discussions for more insight into the work of the Ministry and the Department and for an understanding of what drives the man in charge of this important government portfolio.

For more information on the chatroom and how to participate, visit the website or call the Minister's spokesperson, Phindile Makwakwa, on 082 850 9559.

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