

Tax Alert

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Funding for the SABC to be derived from Income Tax collected from Individuals and Businesses?



The Minister of Communications has announced by way of *Gazette No. 32663* the Public Service Broadcasting Bill, and has made a call for comments to be submitted by 7 December 2009.

The Department of Communications proposes to collect revenue for the benefit of the Public Service Broadcasting Fund. The main proposal is to source the revenue from, amongst others, Personal Income Tax and collections from businesses. The draft Bill indicates that the contributions will not exceed 1 per cent of the total income and annual turnover per person.

However, given apparent non-involvement of National Treasury at this stage and the fact that the draft Bill is still subject to public comment, it remains unclear to what extent the proposals will be accepted or in fact whether the Bill will proceed at all.

PwC intend to make representations to the Department of Communications on this matter, so comments may be forwarded to any of the contacts listed below for inclusion in our submission.

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