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John Jeffery

Deputy Minister

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa



John Jeffery, MP is South Africa's Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development. Mr Jeffery is an admitted attorney and holds BA and LLB degrees, as well as a postgraduate diploma in environmental law from the University of Natal. He is a member of the ruling party, the African National Congress. He describes growing up as a white South African in the late 1970s and seeing the injustices and human rights violations under the previous regime as being the driving force in him joining the liberation struggle and becoming actively engaged in politics at university.

After South Africa's transition to a constitutional democracy in 1994, Mr Jeffery became a member of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Legislature where he chaired the Environment and Conservation Portfolio Committee.

Mr Jeffery has been a member of the National Assembly of Parliament since 1999. He is a former member of the Justice and Constitutional Development Portfolio Committee where he was instrumental in shaping a number of pieces of legislation, such as the Child Justice Act, the Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, the Protection from Harassment Act, the Superior Courts Act, the Protection of Personal Information Act and the Legal Practice Act. He served as Parliamentary Counsellor to the President and the Deputy President from 1999 – July 2013. Mr Jeffery was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development in July 2013. His constituency is in Kwazulu-Natal.