

## 'Minister team' to address concerns over new regulations

AN INTER-ministerial task team, led by Home Affairs minister, **Malusi Gigaba**, will be established to look at matters pertaining to the implementation of the immigration regulations, with a view to striking a balance between SA's economic development and its security.

The new legislation, which came into effect on June 1, requires families travelling to and from SA with children aged under 18 to produce unabridged birth certificates.

"The team is expected to discuss and engage with the concerns with the aim of

finding ways to address the unintended consequences brought about by the implementation of these regulations," said acting Cabinet spokesperson, **Phumla Williams**.

Asata and Satsa say, while they are encouraged that consultation will finally take place, they remain disappointed that the review is limited to issues around implementation and not an amendment to or an abolishment of the regulations. The inbound industry has been particularly hard hit, with a

32% drop in air tickets sold to SA alone.

"We will, regardless, work within the review process and provide data and information on the confusing manner in which these regulations have been implemented to date," said **David Frost**, ceo Satsa.

The Inter-Ministerial Committee on Migration will continue to relook at all the aspects relating to migrants who are in the country. "This work will assist in providing synergy between migration and our laws," said Phumla. ■

