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Minister Sisulu is pleased with the latest numbers released today, 28 June 2022, by Statistics SA on Tourism Migration. Total travellers through our ports of entry rose to 1,7 million in April 2022, a 136% compared to April 2021.

“While more has to be done, our efforts to remove constraints to travel and tourism, and regain the confidence to travel are bearing fruit,” Minister Sisulu said.

According to Stats SA, at the ports of entry into and out of South Africa shows that a total of 1 696 851 travellers (arrivals, departures and transits) passed through South African ports of entry/exit in April 2022.

A comparison between the movements in April 2021 and April 2022 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit increased for both South African residents and foreign travellers. For South African residents, the volume of arrivals increased by 145,4% (from 117 557 in April 2021 to 288 430 in April 2022).

Departures increased by 147,3% (from 126 417 in April 2021 to 312 662 in April 2022) and transits increased by 584,7% (from 59 in April 2021 to 404 in April 2022).

For foreign travellers, arrivals increased by 128,9% (from 248 314 in April 2021 to 568 484 in April 2022) departures increased by 130,9% (from 218 493 in April 2021 to 504 392 in April 2022), and transits increased by 272,5% (from 6 035 in April 2021 to 22 479 in April 2022).

A comparison between the movements in March 2022 and April 2022 indicates that the volume of arrivals, departures and travellers in transit increased for both groups of travellers.

<https://www.statssa.gov.za/publications>

The minister also welcomed the news that the Middle-Eastern airline Qatar Airways and South Africa’s Airlink have signed an agreement to expand Qatar’s operations in South Africa.

Stakeholders will remember that during our budget vote in May 2022, we announced that during our attendance at the Arabian Travel Market, SA Tourism signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Emirates Airlines to grow the tourism market in South Africa and that a similar effort is underway with Qatar Airways.

“I am pleased that these two entities which have operations locally, in the region and globally have collaborated in this manner. This will assist to alleviate the deficit left by Comair”, noted the minister.

She said: "It is really important for us to intensify our efforts in promoting our beautiful country on global platforms again as we have had limited opportunities to do so in the two last years. Our tourism sector recovery depends on this and of course on us working collaboratively to really show the full might of our tourism potential."

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