



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS (DHA)**

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What is happening at DHA?

Relocation of Marabastad Refugees Reception Office to Beitbridge Border Post

A bilateral meeting was held on 9 October 2026. The employer reported that the President of the Republic of South Africa gave a directive during the State of the Nation Address that inland Refugee Reception Offices (RROs) be relocated to ports of entry. The directive aims to enhance and improve refugee-affairs processes. The Department will begin relocating Marabastad RRO to Beitbridge Border Post. There are 232 approved posts expected to be transferred.

The Department has experienced operational and administrative challenges, particularly at the Marabastad Office. Core asylum functions will move to ports of entry to improve and enhance service delivery. A comprehensive project plan was presented. The Marabastad Office is planned to close by 31 December 2026.

The PSA noted the report and demanded that a task team be established through Chamber processes. The PSA further urged employer to conduct a transparent consultation process with affected employees. Employees must first be given an opportunity to choose to be seconded to an alternative office in Gauteng before they are transferred to Beitbridge Border Post.

Parties agreed to table the matter at the next Chamber meeting, scheduled for 21 October 2026, to establish the terms of references for the task team.

Members will be informed of developments.

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