



## AARTO



### The latest developments

According to the Department of Transport an Amendment Bill to the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences (AARTO) Act is to be tabled before Parliament before the end of the 2011/12 financial year. This was made known by Minister of Transport Sbu Ndebele in a written reply to a parliamentary question. It was also revealed that changes to the Act's regulations will also be finalised before the **end of September 2011**.

The Minister confirmed that all the comments received during the public participation process, commencing in April of 2011 had been recorded. According to Ndebele:

*"A team comprising the road traffic infringement agency, the road traffic management corporation and the department of transport has held numerous meetings and workshops to consider all the comments received from stakeholders, to assess them and effect the necessary changes where necessary".*

He added that comments and advice garnered from the state law advisors had also been taken on board. According to the Minister, all comments received support for the implementation of the AARTO Act.

#### Implementation Plan for AARTO drawn up

The Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) has confirmed that a strategy and implementation plan for the implementation of AARTO has been drawn up.

The RTMC made this known during a briefing to the transport committee in Parliament last week. It added that consultations on the plan were taking place with key stakeholders.

The RTMC also announced that a national traffic police unit had been established to help with the rollout of AARTO. Approximately 280 traffic officers had been appointed to the unit. The unit is expected to intervene in areas where local and provincial governments had previously failed. The state of readiness assessment of issuing authorities has also allegedly been conducted.

The RTMC pointed out that the national contraventions register had been completed and is in the process of being tested. The register will be used for AARTO via the eNatis system.

As part of the solution for funding, the AARTO regulations had been amended to include an administrative fee for the RTMC.

