

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



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**Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.
Activity from 20/11/2000**

Table 1

	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/03	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	1135	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	21	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	1156	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	1156	41236
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	51	9	0	384
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,781	7,923	4,805	4,135	379	50,023
<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
No. of applications outstanding	6	4	12	196	777	995

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the application was lodged and NOT to the year in which it was processed. These statistics reflect activity since the implementation of the Refugee Act 1996 (as amended) on 17/11/2000

Processing of Outstanding Applications

All adult applicants are scheduled for interview. In March 390 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 88% of cases.

Decisions Returned for Processing

These are manifestly unfounded cases overturned at appeal and cases which were overturned following Judicial Review and which have therefore been returned to ORAC for further processing.

*2002 only

**Activity breakdown for
March 2006**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	430
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	8
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	438
Total Cases Completed	453
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	32
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	233
> Where Section 13(5) applies	70
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	13
- Deemed Withdrawn	63
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	
> Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13	0
> Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)	0
> Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)	0
> Applications to withdraw processed	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	42
Unprocessable	0

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/03
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	132
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	1024
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	207
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	80
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	1,444

It should be noted that these recommendations refer to the year in which the recommendations were made and NOT to the year in which the applications were lodged.

Table 4

Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act

	March
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	153
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	172
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	80
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	44
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	41
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/03)

Table 5

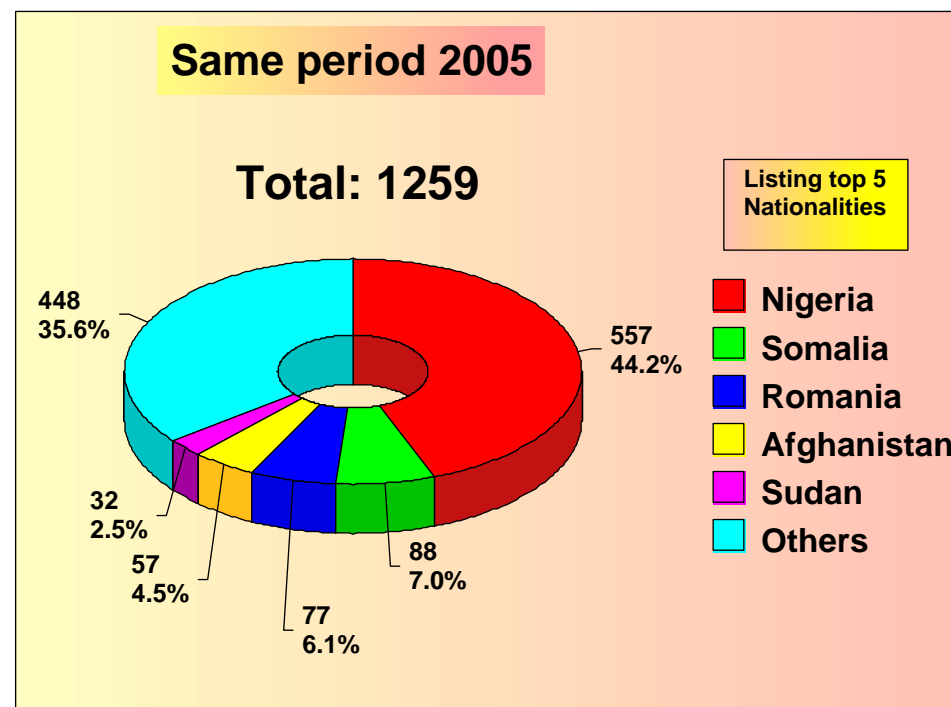
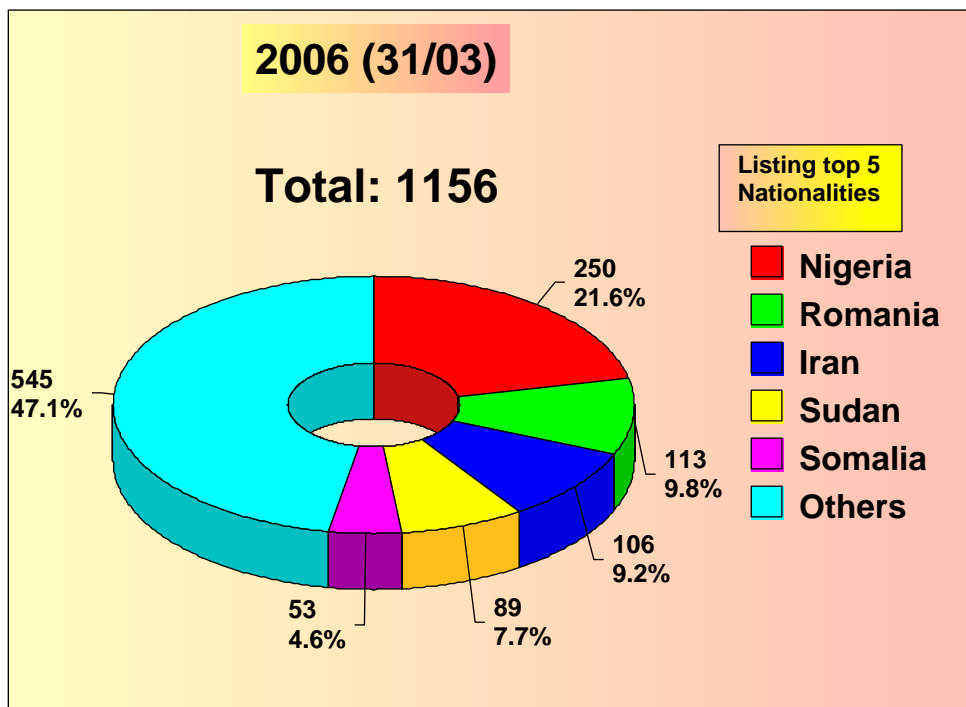


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	March		2006 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	44	148	95	256
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	41	143	90	249
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	48	123	147	386

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (31/03)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1985	4504
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1686	3822
Number of cases outstanding	299	682

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as only Somalia with 18 applications exceeded 10 in 2006 (31/03).

Please note we do not release individual figures where there are less than 10.