

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



May 2006 issue,

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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 31/05	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	1810	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	40	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	1850	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00						
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	1850	41930
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	59	11	0	394
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00						
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,781	7,922	4,812	4,279	964	50,758
<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
No. of applications outstanding						
No. of applications outstanding	6	5	13	54	886	964

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 May 373 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 86% 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
May 2006**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	400
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	12
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	412
Total Cases Completed	387
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	37
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	193
> Where Section 13(5) applies	36
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	9
- Deemed Withdrawn	41
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	71
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/05
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	198
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	1510
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	298
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	201
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	2,208

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

	May
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	145
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	120
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	2
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	67
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	28
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	4
- Deemed withdrawn	16
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 (31/05)

Table 5

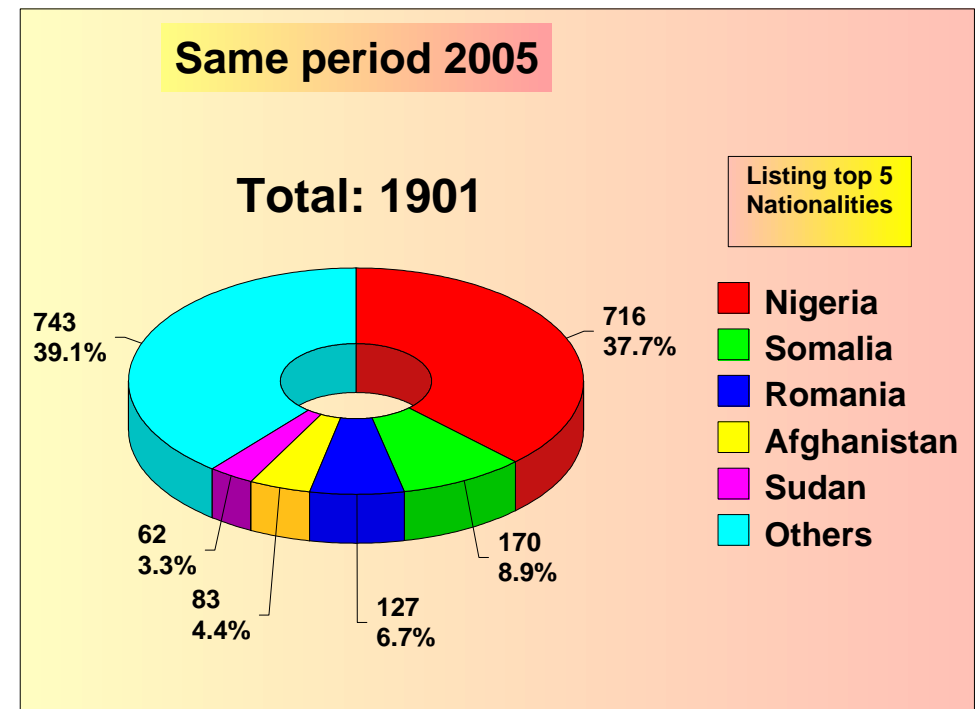
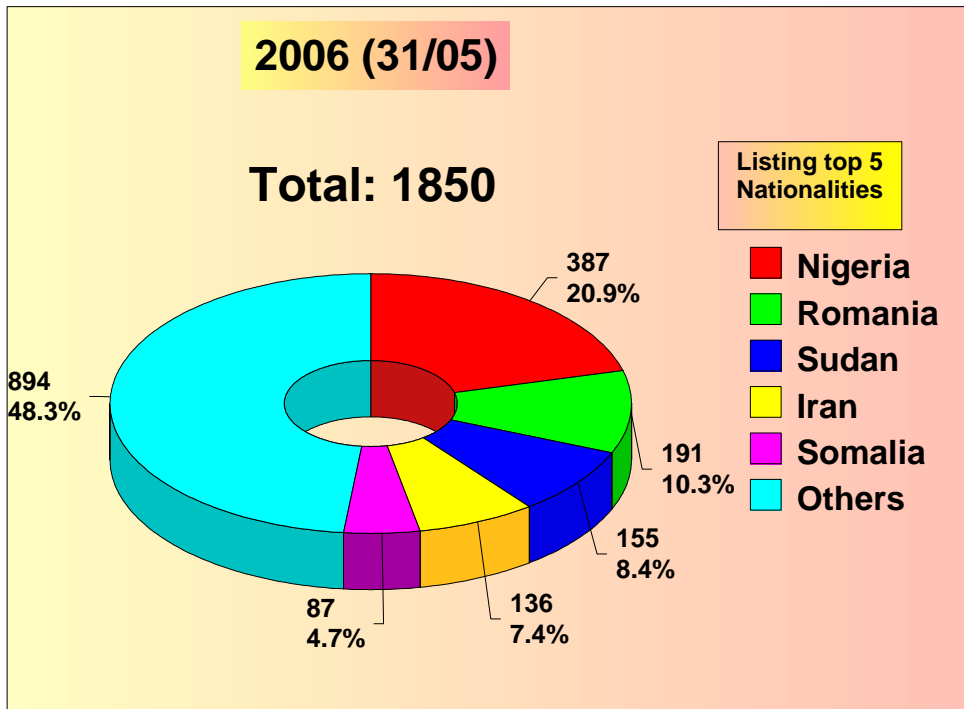


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	May		2006 (31/05)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	73	195	190	507
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	72	194	183	498
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	63	106	239	548

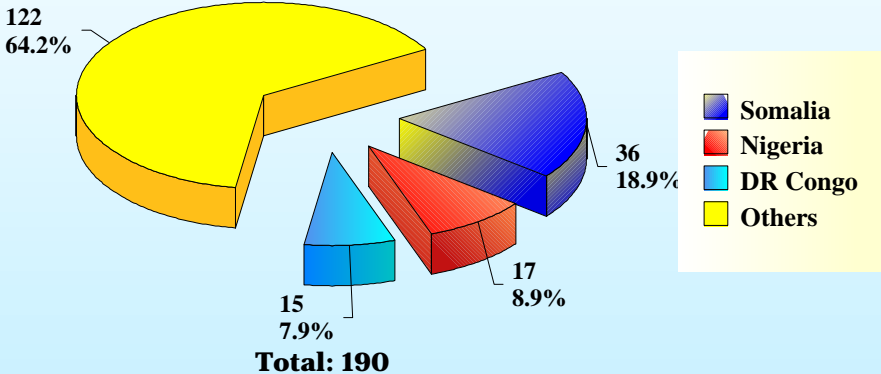
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (31/05)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2081	4758
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1785	3995
Number of cases outstanding	296	763

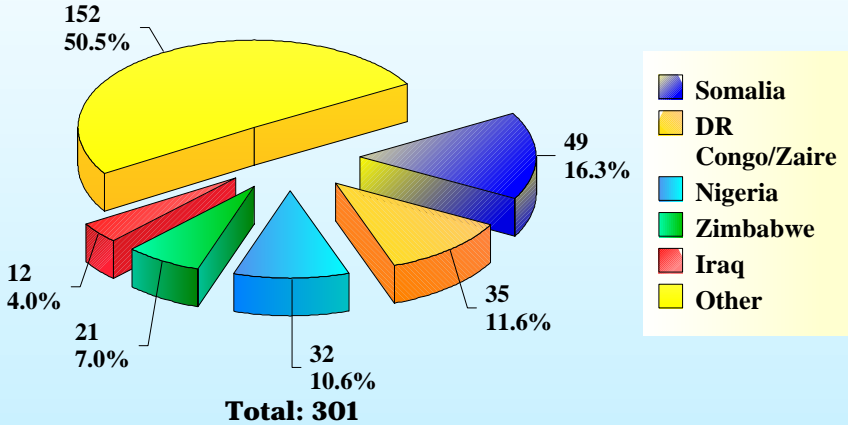
Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

***Top 3 Nationalities 2006 (31/05)**



Top 5 Nationalities same period last year



*Please note only 3 nationalities can be displayed for 2006 (31/05) as we do not release individual figures where there are less than 10.