

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 28/02	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	705	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	13	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	718	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	718	40798
Decisions returned for processing	299	32	51	7	0	389
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,789	7,921	4,803	3,938	142	49,593
<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
No. of applications outstanding	4	7	14	391	576	992

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 February 399 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 February 2006

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	305
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	8
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	313
Total Cases Completed	522
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	52
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	305
> Where Section 13(5) applies	80
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed Withdrawn	50
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	3
> Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)	
> Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)	
> Applications to withdraw processed	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	25
Unprocessable	0

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

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 28/02
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	100
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	721
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	131
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	38
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	991

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

	February
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	88
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	150
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	60
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	56
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	5
- Deemed withdrawn	24
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	5
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (28/02)

Table 5

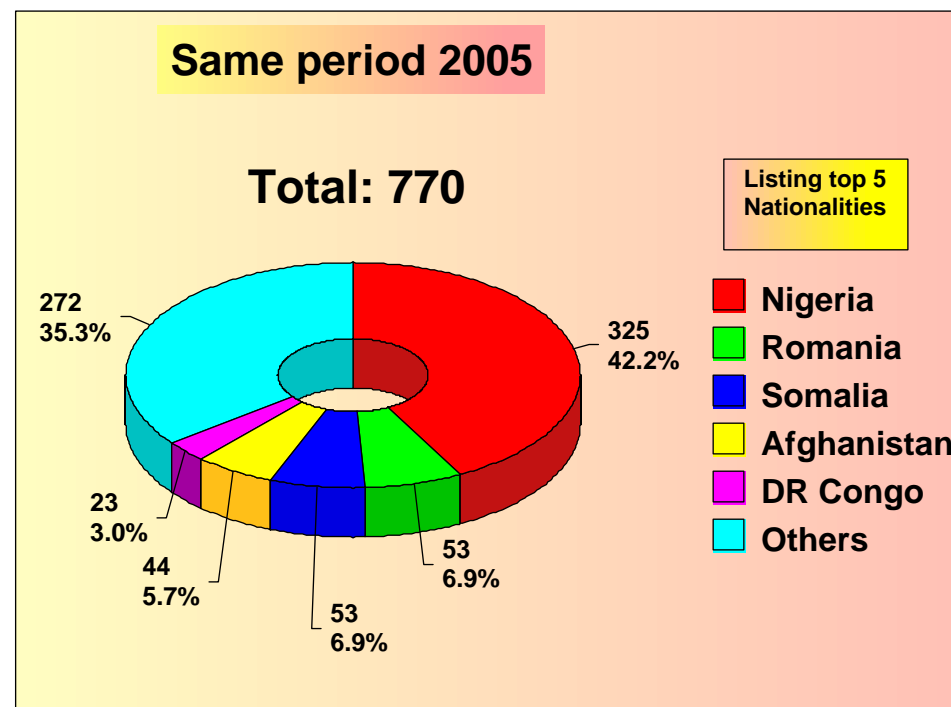
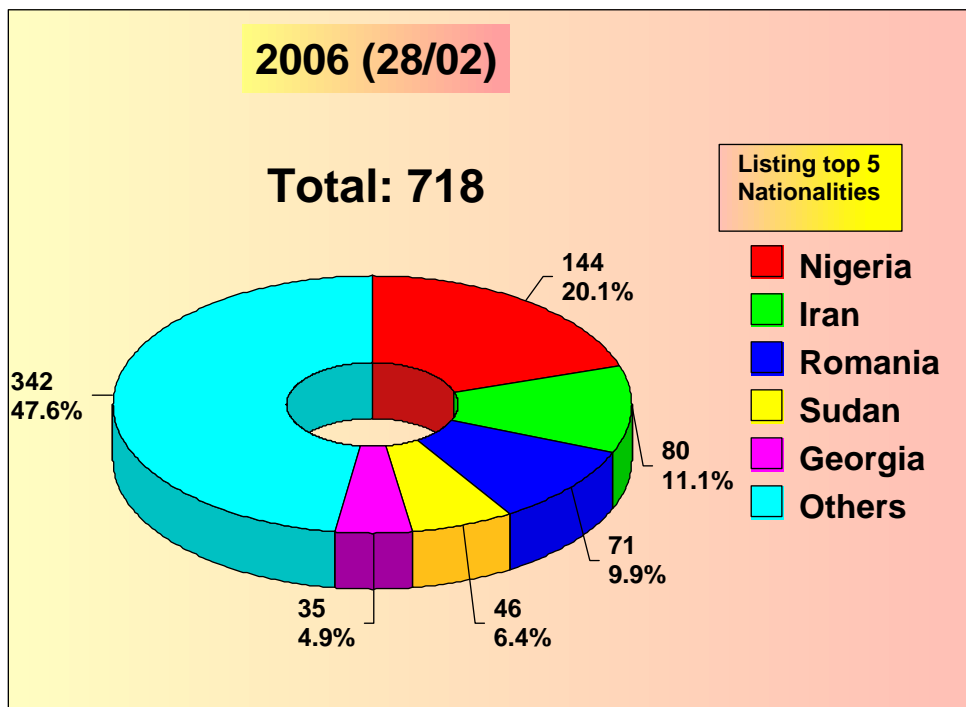


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	February		2006 (28/02)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	26	61	51	108
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	25	60	49	106
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	58	169	99	263

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (28/02)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	1940	4349
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1637	3702
Number of cases outstanding	303	647

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as none of the nationalities are greater than 10 in 2006

Please note that the nationalities that show applications to be less than 10 cannot be released due to confidentiality reasons.