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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
New applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7,483	4,265	4,304	4,241	3,933	3,807	2,660	1,918	1,282	33,893
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	1,179
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7,900	4,766	4,323	4,314	3,985	3,866	2,689	1,939	1,290	35,072
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427										
Applications received from 20/11/00	23,091	7,900	4,766	4,323	4,314	3,985	3,866	2,689	1,939	1,290	58,163
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	120	108	21	3	1,244
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	265	225	145	75	799
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,985	2,793	1,955	1,055	68,583
<i>Unprocessable</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	238	248

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 December 86 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 92.2% of cases.

Decisions Returned for Processing

These are EU Dublin II Regulation cases in which their transfers have expired and which have therefore been returned to ORAC for further processing.

The total number of cases returned for processing in 2011 is 108 as at 31st of December.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for December 2011

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	96
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	96

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	4	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	31	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	28	
	- Withdrawn	2
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	5
	- Total	7
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	13	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	14	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total recommendations made	97	

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	6
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	3
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	13
Total additional cases	22

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2011 (31/12)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0
Amendment/Adjustment							-4			
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	4,152	4,581	3,908	2,192	1,834

It should be noted that the above figures 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 1996 - December 2011

Applications

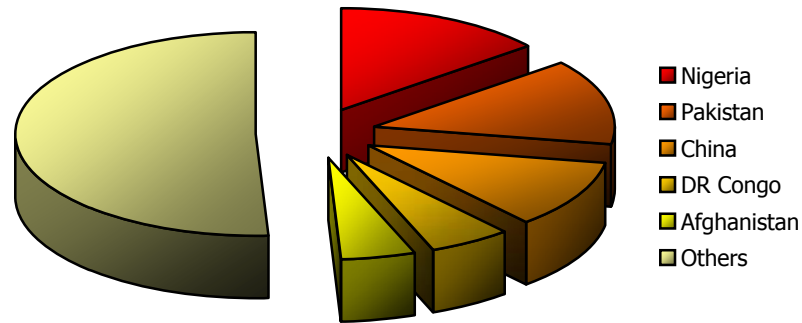
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 11

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	0
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	6
	- Withdrawn 0
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 1
	- Total 1
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0
Total recommendations made	7

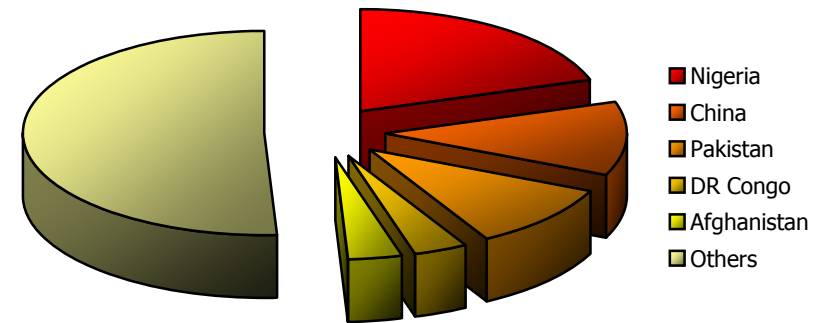
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2011 (31/12)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	182	14.1
Pakistan	175	13.6
China	142	11.0
DR Congo	70	5.4
Afghanistan	67	5.2
Others	654	50.7
Total	1,290	100.0

Applications in 2010 (31/12)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	387	20.0
China	228	11.8
Pakistan	200	10.3
DR Congo	71	3.7
Afghanistan	69	3.6
Others	984	50.7
Total	1,939	100.0