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# Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

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## Monthly statistical report July 2013

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Pre 2003</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	940	535	35,368
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	7	1,202
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>*11634</b>	<b>7,900</b>	<b>4,766</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>3,985</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>36,570</b>
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	956	542	59,661
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	212	122	133	128	112	59	4	0	1,430
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	7	80	266	227	147	96	75	26	927
<b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00</b>	<b>32,810</b>	<b>7,936</b>	<b>4,913</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>3,998</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>70,271</b>
<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>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>
<b>No. of applications outstanding</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>244</b>

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 July 121 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 86.7 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 2013 is 68 as at 31st July.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for July 2013

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	70
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>70</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	8	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	35	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	14	
	- Withdrawn	3
	- Deemed Withdrawn	5
	- Total	8
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	12	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	17	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>94</b>	

**Additional activity**

Applications returned for processing	4
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	12
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>18</b>

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (31/07)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	67	83
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	700	327
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	155
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	97
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	0
Amendment/Adjustment							-4					
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,201</b>	<b>8,641</b>	<b>7,121</b>	<b>5,682</b>	<b>4,784</b>	<b>4,152</b>	<b>4,581</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>662</b>

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the outcomes 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 - July 2013

**Applications**

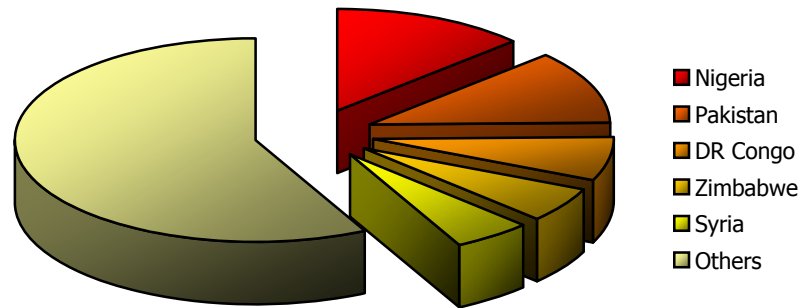
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee** **2**

**Outcomes**

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	2	
	- Withdrawn	0
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	0
	- Total	0
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	0	
Unprocessable	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>2</b>	

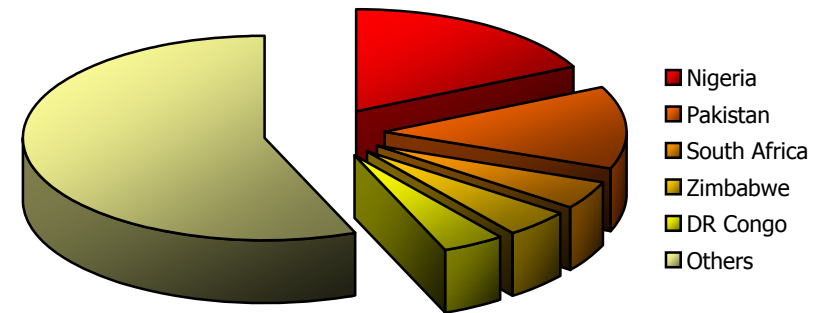
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	71	13.1
Pakistan	63	11.6
DR Congo	37	6.8
Zimbabwe	31	5.7
Syria	29	5.3
Others	311	57.4
Total	542	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	97	17.7
Pakistan	72	13.1
South Africa	25	4.6
Zimbabwe	24	4.4
DR Congo	23	4.2
Others	308	56.1
Total	549	100.0

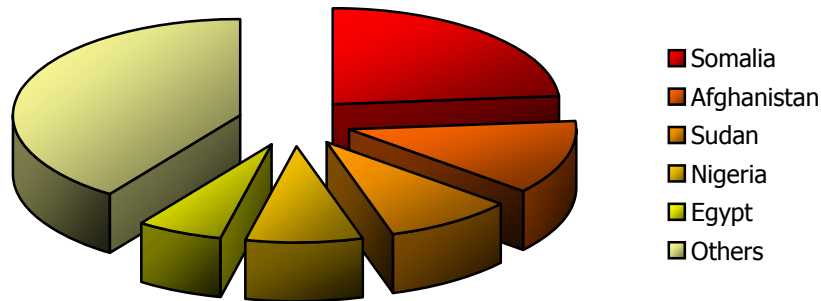
**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	July		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	15	23	97	178
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	12	21	91	198

Applications outstanding as at 31-July: 64

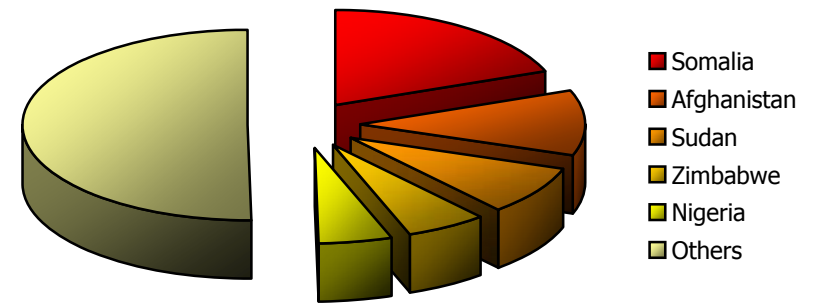
**Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]**

Applications in 2013 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	23	23.7
Afghanistan	12	12.4
Sudan	9	9.3
Nigeria	8	8.2
Egypt	6	6.2
Others	39	40.2
Total	97	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	26	19.3
Afghanistan	15	11.1
Sudan	11	8.1
Zimbabwe	8	5.9
Nigeria	7	5.2
Others	68	50.4
Total	135	100.0