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# Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

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## Monthly statistical report August 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	600	35,433
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>607</b>	<b>36,635</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	607	59,726
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	212	122	134	129	112	66	4	0	1,439
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	7	80	266	227	147	96	76	34	936
<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>3,999</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>70,349</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>1</i>	<i>4</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>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>239</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 August 113 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 83.6% 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 77 as at 31st August.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for August 2013

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	65
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>65</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	12
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	26
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	11
	- Withdrawn 3
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 20
	- Total 23
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	9
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	9
Unprocessable	1
Amendment / Adjustment	0
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>90</b>

**Additional activity**

Applications returned for processing	9
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	9
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>20</b>

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (31/08)]

	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	95
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	364
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	187
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	106
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1
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>753</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 - August 2013

**Applications**

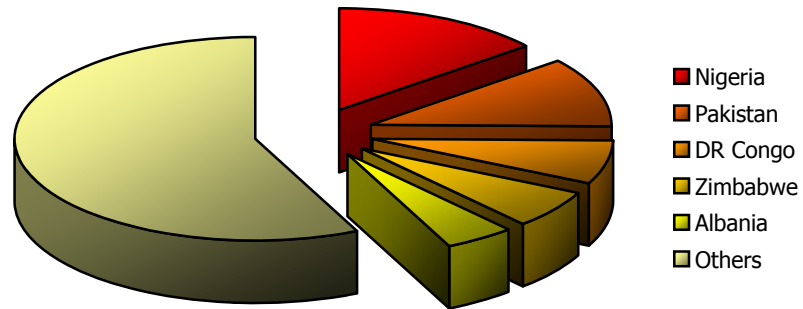
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee** **0**

**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	0	
	- 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>0</b>	

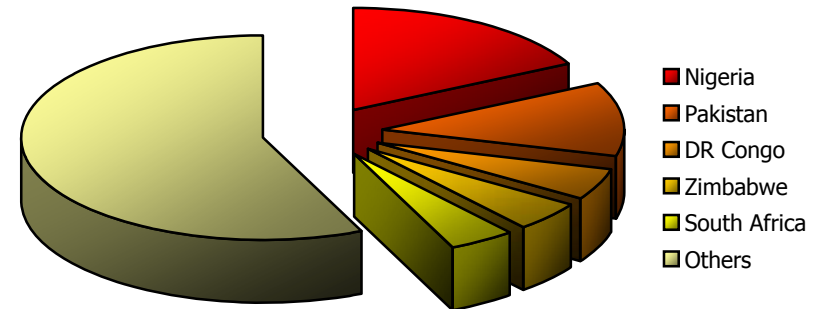
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	86	13.1
Pakistan	68	11.6
DR Congo	41	6.8
Zimbabwe	37	5.7
Albania	30	5.3
Others	345	56.8
Total	607	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	111	17.7
Pakistan	75	13.1
DR Congo	31	4.6
Zimbabwe	30	4.4
South Africa	28	4.2
Others	361	56.8
Total	636	100.0

**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

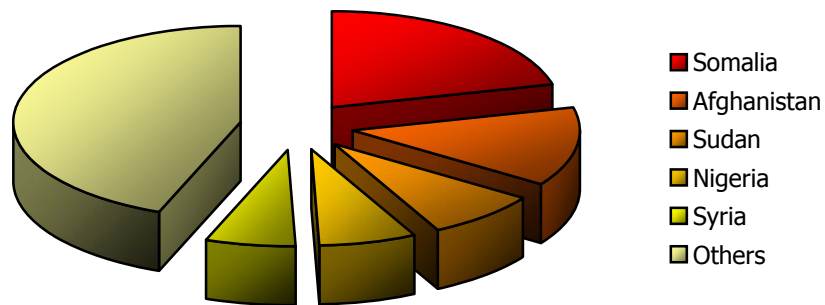
Monthly / Year-to-date activity

	August		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	16	33	113	209
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	17	30	108	228

Applications outstanding as at 31-August 64

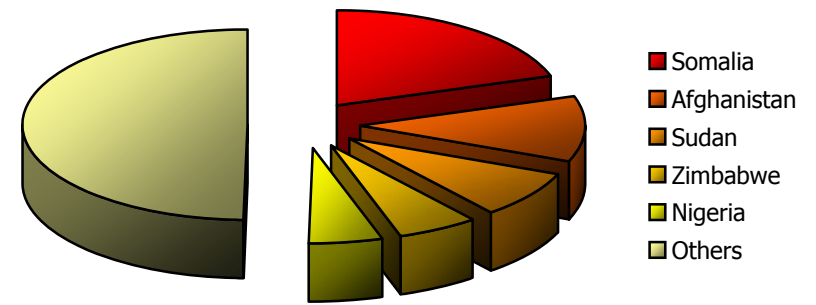
**Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]**

Applications in 2013 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	24	21.2
Afghanistan	15	13.3
Sudan	9	8.0
Nigeria	8	7.1
Syria	7	6.2
Others	50	44.2
Total	113	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	30	22.2
Afghanistan	17	12.6
Sudan	12	8.9
Zimbabwe	9	6.7
Nigeria	8	5.9
Others	75	55.6
Total	135	100.0