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# Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

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## Monthly statistical report October 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	761	35,594
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>768</b>	<b>36,796</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	768	59,887
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	213	122	134	130	113	69	9	0	1,450
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	8	80	266	227	147	96	76	42	945
<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>4,526</b>	<b>4,107</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,819</b>	<b>2,051</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>70,525</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>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>235</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 October 93 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 85.3% 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 88 as at 31st October.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for October 2013

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	81
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>81</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	8	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	46	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	9	
	- Withdrawn	10
	- Deemed Withdrawn	3
	- Total	13
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	13	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>93</b>	

**Additional activity**

Applications returned for processing	7
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>11</b>

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (31/10)]

	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	113
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	468
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	221
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	135
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>938</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 - October 2013

**Applications**

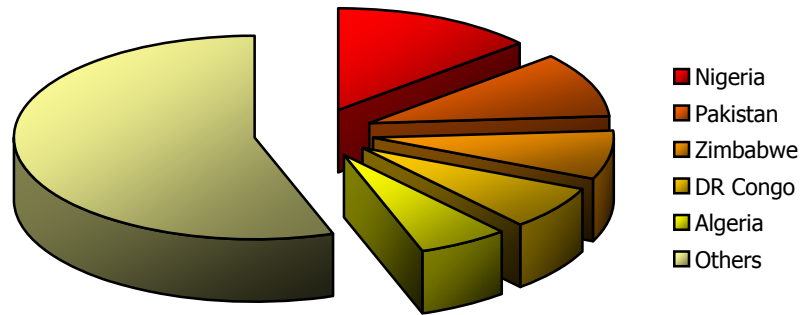
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee** **1**

**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>	

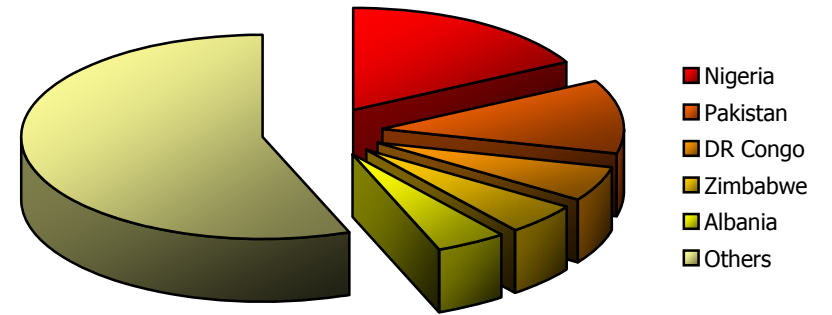
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (31/10)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	105	13.7
Pakistan	79	10.3
Zimbabwe	59	7.7
DR Congo	54	7.0
Algeria	47	6.1
Others	424	55.2
Total	768	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/10)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	140	17.3
Pakistan	94	11.6
DR Congo	46	5.7
Zimbabwe	41	5.1
Albania	37	4.6
Others	453	55.9
Total	811	100.0

**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	September		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	16	26	143	261
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	18	34	136	280

Applications outstanding as at 30-September 59

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

