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## Monthly statistical report February 2015

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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>2014</b>	<b>2015</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	938	1,438	415	37,624
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	1	1,214
<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>946</b>	<b>1,448</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>38,838</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	946	1,448	416	61,929
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	147	184	213	122	134	131	117	74	61	25	0	0	1,539
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	1	0	972
<b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00</b>	<b>32,812</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>2,820</b>	<b>2,056</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71,920</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>0</i>	<i>0</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>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>971</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 February 202 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 59.6% of cases.

During the month, because of the nature of the caseload concerned, a proportion of cancelled substantive interviews were also re-scheduled as interviews under the EU Dublin III Regulation.

#### 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 2015 is 15 as at 28 February.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for February 2015

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	200
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>201</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	14		
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status			
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	63		
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0		
	- Withdrawn	2	
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		- Deemed Withdrawn	28
		- Total	30
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3		
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	4		
Unprocessable	0		
Amendment / Adjustment	0		
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>114</b>		

**Additional activity**

Applications returned for processing	9
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>12</b>

**Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2015 (28/02)]**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	67	128	132	22
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	582	661	118
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	61
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	8
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1	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>1,123</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>209</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 - February 2015

**Applications**

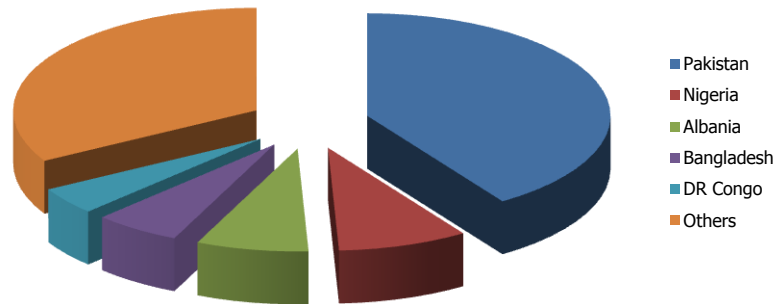
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 6**

**Outcomes**

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

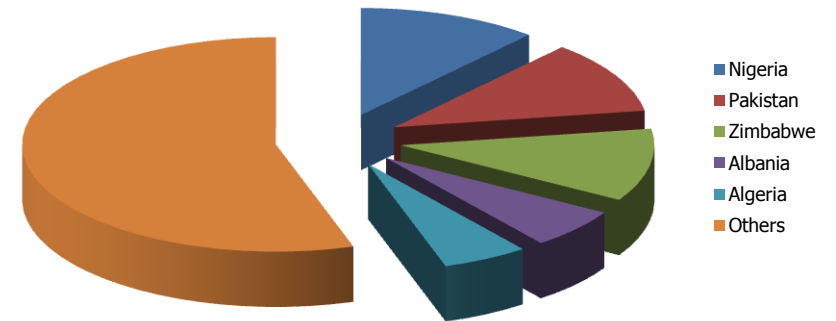
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2015 (28/02)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	169	40.6
Nigeria	36	8.7
Albania	31	7.5
Bangladesh	24	5.8
DR Congo	18	4.3
Others	138	33.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Applications in 2014 (28/02)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	21	11.5
Pakistan	20	11.0
Zimbabwe	20	11.0
Albania	11	6.0
Algeria	10	5.5
Others	100	54.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	February		2015	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	23	46	26	54
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	8	19	21	53

Applications outstanding as at 28 February: 85

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

