
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report April 2015

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	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	940	938	1,438	887	38,096
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	3	1,216
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	956	946	1,448	890	39,312
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	890	62,403
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	147	184	213	122	134	132	119	74	61	37	3	0	1,557
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	2	0	973
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,812	7,936	4,913	4,505	4,526	4,107	4,000	2,819	2,057	1,359	1,017	968	1,098	40	72,157
<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>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	14	353	850	1,226

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 April 174 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 87.3% 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 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 33 as at 30 April.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for April 2015

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	263
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	2
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	265

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	10		
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status			
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	48		
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0		
	- Withdrawn	2	
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		- Deemed Withdrawn	20
		- Total	22
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0		
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	41		
Unprocessable	0		
Amendment / Adjustment	0		
Total outcomes	121		

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	8
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	5
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	0
Total additional cases	13

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2015 (30/04)]

	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	41
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	227
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	122
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	63
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1	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	1,198	1,123	1,060	453

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 - April 2015

Applications

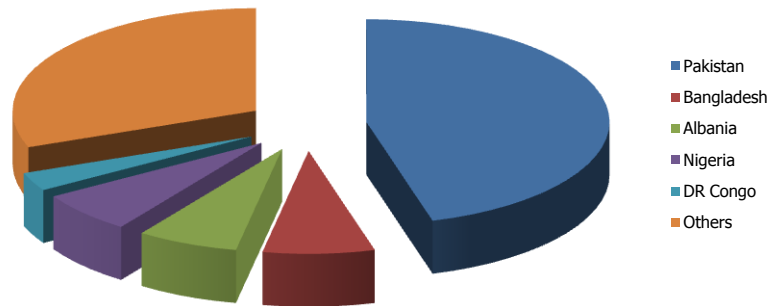
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **1**

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	4	
▪ 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 III Regulation	0	
Unprocessable	0	
Total outcomes	4	

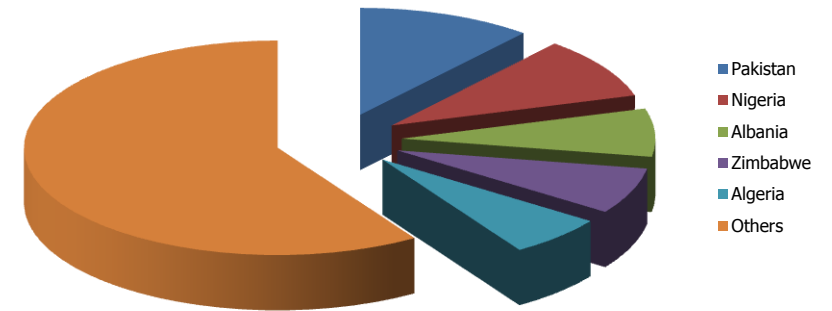
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2015 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	406	45.6
Bangladesh	66	7.4
Albania	60	6.7
Nigeria	58	6.5
DR Congo	26	2.9
Others	274	30.8
Total	890	100.0

Applications in 2014 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	43	11.1
Nigeria	36	9.3
Albania	28	7.3
Zimbabwe	27	7.0
Algeria	24	6.2
Others	228	59.1
Total	386	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

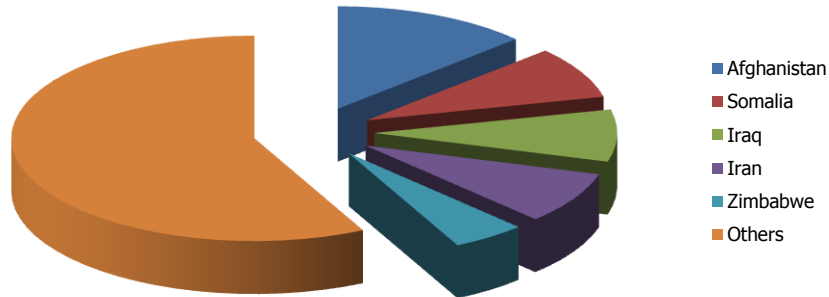
Monthly / Year-to-date activity

	April		2015	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	16	31	61	125
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	29	50	68	138

Applications outstanding as at 30 April: 73

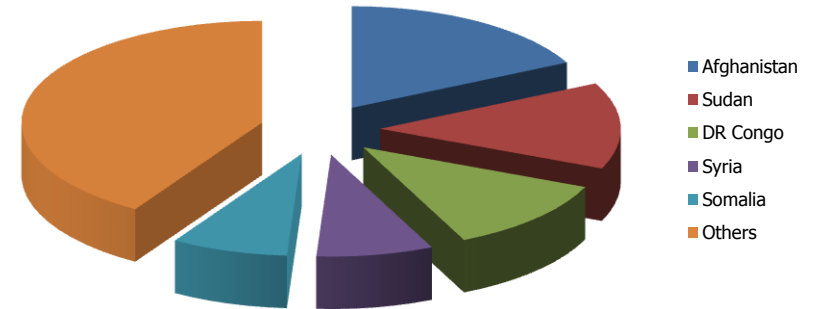
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2015 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Afghanistan	8	13.1
Somalia	5	8.2
Iraq	5	8.2
Iran	5	8.2
Zimbabwe	3	4.9
Others	35	57.4
Total	61	100.0

Applications in 2014 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Afghanistan	9	17.6
Sudan	7	13.7
DR Congo	6	11.8
Syria	4	7.8
Somalia	4	7.8
Others	21	41.2
Total	51	100.0