
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report July 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	1,767	38,976
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	4	1,217
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	1,771	40,193
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	1,771	63,284
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	122	134	133	120	74	63	47	4	1	1,575
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	6	0	977
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,812	7,936	4,915	4,506	4,526	4,107	4,000	2,822	2,058	1,359	1,020	981	1,292	202	72,536
<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	-1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	-1	11	160	1,570	1,746

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 179 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 75.4% 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 50 as at 31 July.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for July 2015

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	289
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	290

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	21
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	60
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0
	- Withdrawn 4
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 27
	- Total 31
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	35
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	0
Total outcomes	150

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	4
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
Total additional cases	9

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2015 (31/07)]

	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	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	582	661	384
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	207
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	165
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	839

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 2015

Applications

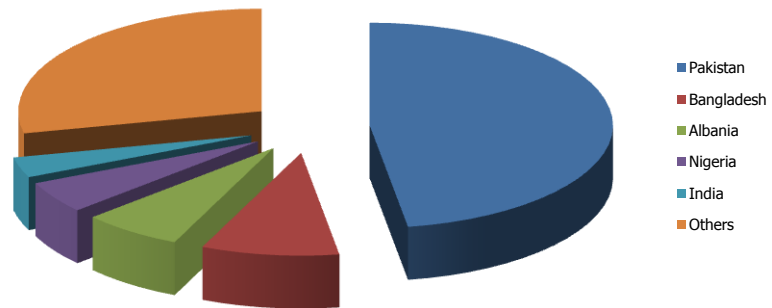
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 2

Outcomes

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

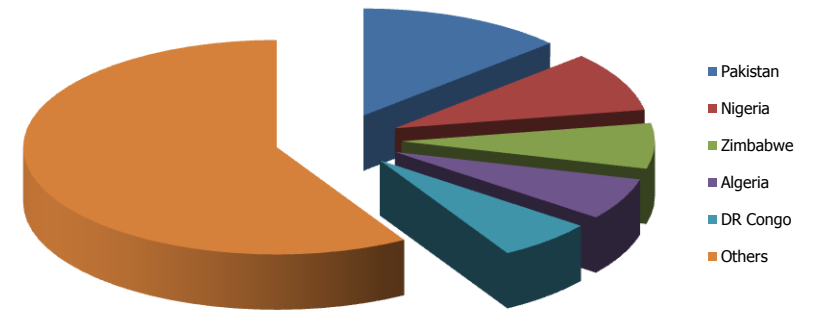
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2015 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	841	47.5
Bangladesh	162	9.1
Albania	118	6.7
Nigeria	89	5.0
India	57	3.2
Others	504	28.5
Total	1,771	100.0

Applications in 2014 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	96	13.2
Nigeria	66	9.1
Zimbabwe	50	6.9
Algeria	46	6.3
DR Congo	45	6.2
Others	425	58.4
Total	728	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

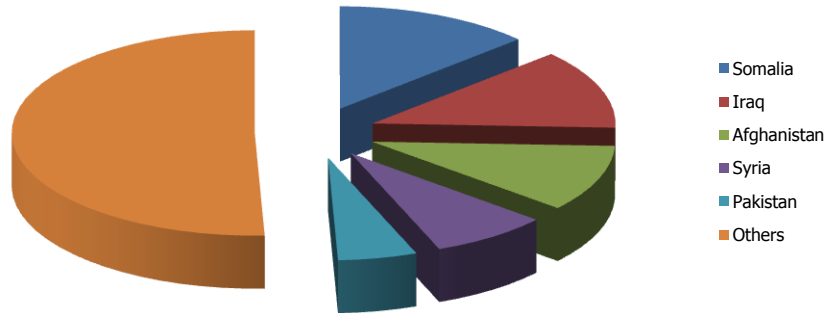
Monthly / Year-to-date activity

	July		2015	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	15	33	151	344
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	15	39	122	254

Applications outstanding as at 31 July: 109

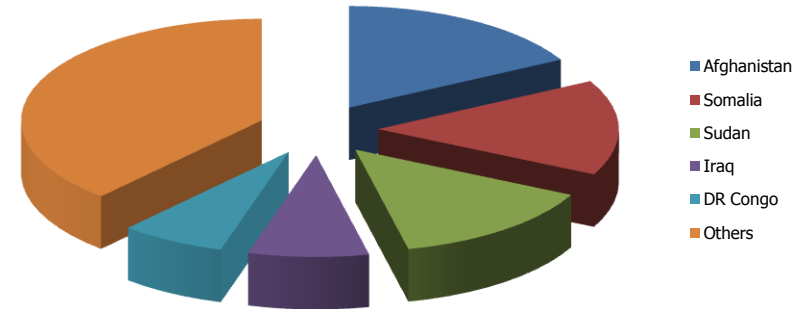
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2015 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	20	13.2
Iraq	19	12.5
Afghanistan	16	10.5
Syria	12	7.9
Pakistan	8	5.3
Others	77	50.7
Total	152	100.0

Applications in 2014 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Afghanistan	17	17.2
Somalia	15	15.2
Sudan	14	14.1
Iraq	8	8.1
DR Congo	7	7.1
Others	38	38.4
Total	99	100.0