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# Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

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## Monthly statistical report September 2012

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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>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	691	34,584
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	15	1,194
<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>706</b>	<b>35,778</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	706	58,869
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	121	116	100	4	1	1,334
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	94	31	854
<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>4,106</b>	<b>3,987</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>69,428</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>3</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>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>199</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 September 104 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 85.4% 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 2012 is 90 as at 30th of September.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for September 2012

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	67
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	3
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>70</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	13	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	41	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	18	
	- Withdrawn	4
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	5
	- Total	9
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	6	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	11	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>98</b>	

**Additional activity**

Cases returned for processing	5
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	4
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	6
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>15</b>

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (30/09)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	44
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	562
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	211
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	104
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	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>921</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 - September 2012

**Applications**

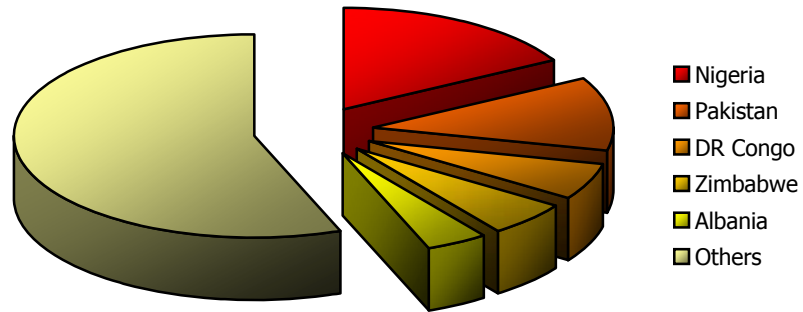
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee** **0**

**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	2	
	- Withdrawn	2
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	0
	- Total	2
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	1	
Unprocessable	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>5</b>	

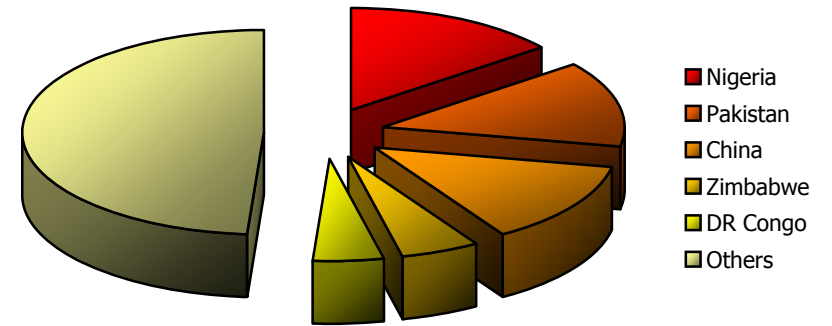
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2012 (30/09)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	119	16.9
Pakistan	83	11.8
DR Congo	41	5.8
Zimbabwe	39	5.5
Albania	30	4.2
Others	394	55.8
Total	706	100.0

Applications in 2011 (30/09)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	145	14.4
Pakistan	136	13.5
China	132	13.1
Zimbabwe	53	5.3
DR Congo	49	4.9
Others	490	48.8
Total	1,005	100.0

**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	September		2012	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	15	30	166	325
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	19	47	237	465

Applications outstanding as at 31-Aug: 58

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

