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Monthly statistical report January 2013

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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	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	78	34,911
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	1	1,196
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	79	36,107
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	79	59,198
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	122	117	108	25	2	0	1,366
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	95	61	3	888
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,988	2,806	2,047	1,307	838	3	69,784
<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>0</i>	<i>3</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	120	76	204

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 January 119 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 88.9% 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 4 as at 31st of January.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for January 2013

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	78
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	79

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	8
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	40
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	13
	- Withdrawn 4
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 11
	- Total 15
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	19
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	27
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	0
Total outcomes	122

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	4
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	19
Total additional cases	25

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (31/01)]

	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	8
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	53
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	34
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	27
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	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	122

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 - January 2013

Applications

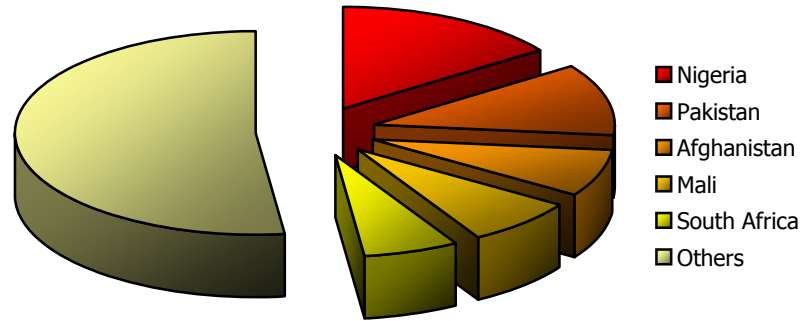
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **5**

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	1	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	1	
	- 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	
Total outcomes	2	

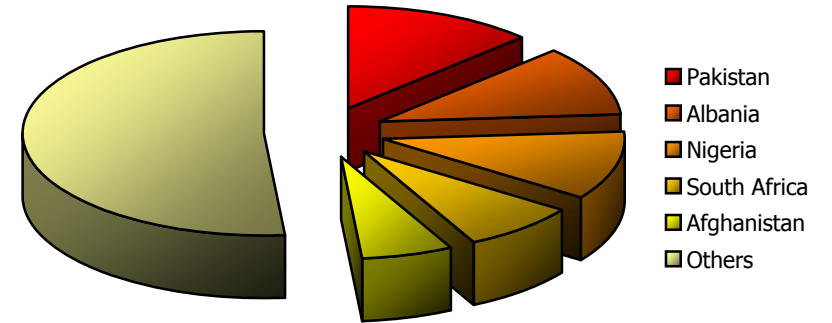
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	12	15.2
Pakistan	9	11.4
Afghanistan	6	7.6
Mali	6	7.6
South Africa	5	6.3
Others	41	51.9
Total	79	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	13	12.9
Albania	11	10.9
Nigeria	11	10.9
South Africa	8	7.9
Afghanistan	6	5.9
Others	52	51.5
Total	101	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	January		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	19	29	19	29
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	8	16	8	16

Applications outstanding as at 31-Jan: 70

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

