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## Monthly statistical report February 2013

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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>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	160	34,993
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	2	1,197
<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>162</b>	<b>36,190</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	162	59,281
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	123	117	108	34	2	0	1,376
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	95	64	4	892
<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>3,989</b>	<b>2,806</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>69,862</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>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>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>219</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 103 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 81.9% 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 14 as at 28th of February.

\*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for February 2013

**Applications**

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	82
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
<b>Total applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>83</b>

**Outcomes**

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	13	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	34	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	10	
	- Withdrawn	1
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	12
	- Total	13
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	6	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>80</b>	

**Additional activity**

Applications returned for processing	10
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
<b>Total additional cases</b>	<b>14</b>

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (28/02)]

	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	21
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	97
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	51
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	33
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	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>1,198</b>	<b>202</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 2013

**Applications**

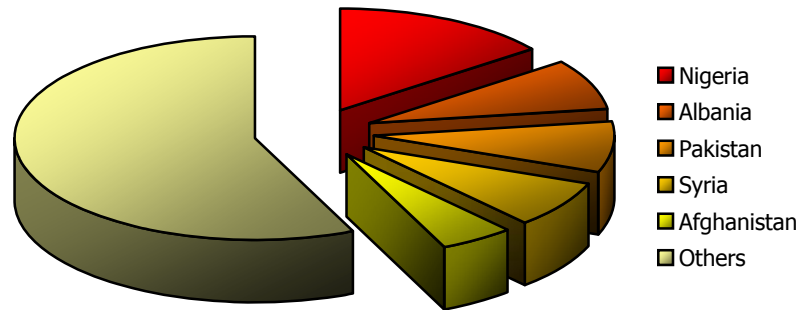
**Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 0**

**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	3
	- 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
<b>Total outcomes</b>	<b>3</b>

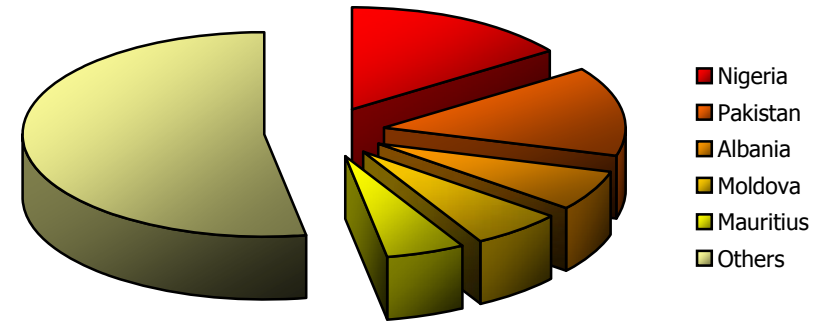
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (28/02)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	24	14.8
Albania	13	8.0
Pakistan	13	8.0
Syria	12	7.4
Afghanistan	8	4.9
Others	92	56.8
Total	162	100.0

Applications in 2012 (28/02)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	28	15.2
Pakistan	26	14.1
Albania	12	6.5
Moldova	11	6.0
Mauritius	10	5.4
Others	97	52.7
Total	184	100.0

**Table 6 - Family Reunification**

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	February		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	17	37	36	66
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	16	35	24	51

Applications outstanding as at 28-Feb: 71

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

