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Monthly statistical report December 2012

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	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	34,833
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	1,195
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	36,028
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	59,119
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	121	116	108	23	2	1,362
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	95	45	869
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,987	2,805	2,047	1,305	747	69,686
<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>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	211	219

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 December 84 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 79.1% 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 118 as at 31st of December.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for December 2012

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	72
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	73

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	10	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	23	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	9	
	- Withdrawn	2
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	15
	- Total	17
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	9	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total outcomes	72	

Additional activity

Cases returned for processing	13
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
Total additional cases	19

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (31/12)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	67
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
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	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

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 - December 2012

Applications

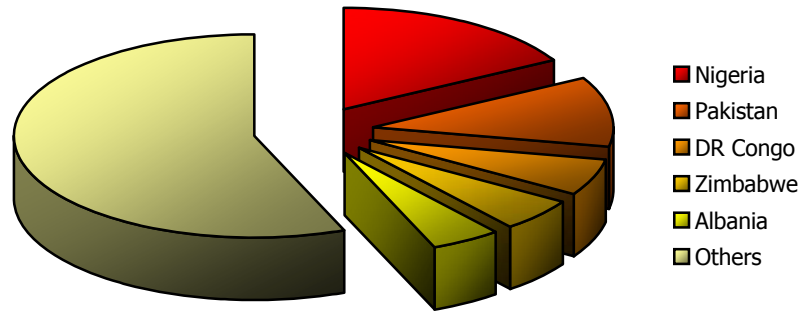
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **2**

Outcomes

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

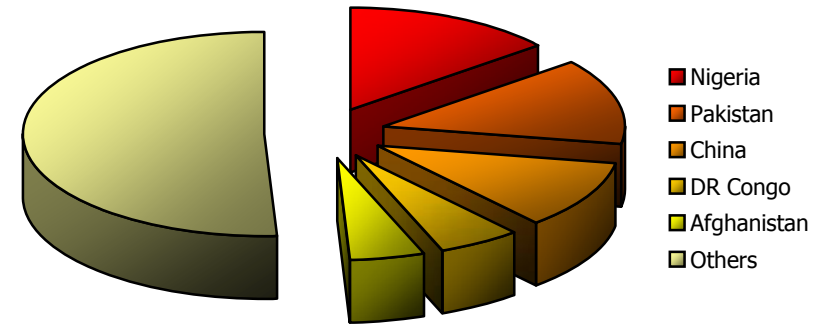
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2012 (31/12)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	162	16.9
Pakistan	105	11.0
DR Congo	58	6.1
Zimbabwe	49	5.1
Albania	46	4.8
Others	536	56.1
Total	956	100.0

Applications in 2011 (31/12)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	182	14.1
Pakistan	175	13.6
China	142	11.0
DR Congo	70	5.4
Afghanistan	67	5.2
Others	654	50.7
Total	1,290	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	December		2012	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	8	21	206	409
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	13	29	272	534

Applications outstanding as at 31-Dec: 59

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

