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Monthly statistical report March 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	223	35,056
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	4	1,199
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	227	36,255
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	227	59,346
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	126	122	110	42	2	0	1,394
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	95	69	5	898
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,992	2,811	2,049	1,327	899	64	69,937
<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	5	59	163	227

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 March 125 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 89.5% 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 32 as at 31st March.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for March 2013

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	63
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	2
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	65

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	5	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	39	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	8	
	- Withdrawn	0
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	14
	- Total	14
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	6	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	12	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total outcomes	84	

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	18
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	1
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	6
Total additional cases	25

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2013 (31/03)]

	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	26
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	144
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	71
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	45
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	286

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 - March 2013

Applications

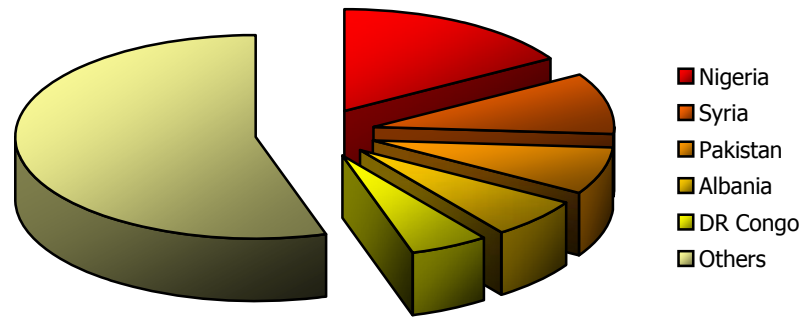
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **2**

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	

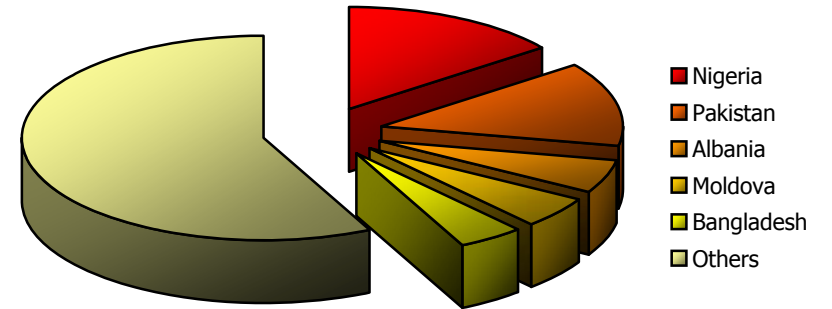
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2013 (31/03)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	37	16.3
Syria	22	9.7
Pakistan	17	7.5
Albania	15	6.6
DR Congo	12	5.3
Others	124	54.6
Total	227	100.0

Applications in 2012 (31/03)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	36	14.8
Pakistan	32	13.2
Albania	13	5.3
Moldova	12	4.9
Bangladesh	11	4.5
Others	139	57.2
Total	243	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	March		2013	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	8	19	44	85
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	6	16	30	67

Applications outstanding as at 31-Mar: 73

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

