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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	99	33,992
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	2	1,181
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	101	35,173
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	101	58,264
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	120	108	33	3	0	1,256
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	265	225	145	79	0	803
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,985	2,793	1,964	1,155	8	68,700
<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	1	4	8	138	93	244

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 137 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 78.8% 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 12 as at 31st of January.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for January 2012

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	99
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	2
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	101

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	9
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	47
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	25
	- Withdrawn 7
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 13
	- Total 20
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	15
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	0
Total recommendations made	120

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	12
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
Total additional cases	16

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (31/01)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	9
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	72
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	24
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	15
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	120

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the recommendations 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 2012

Applications

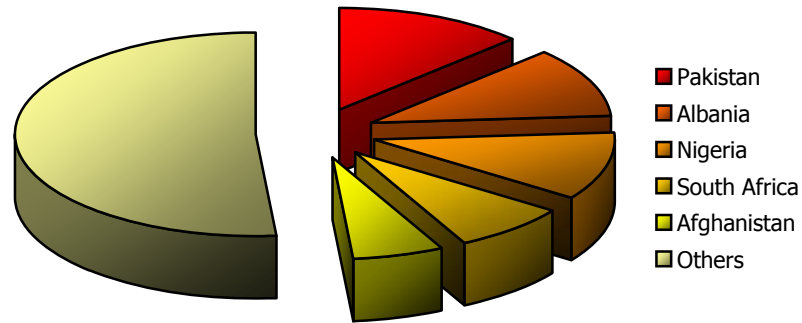
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 9

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	5
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	4
	- 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 recommendations made	9

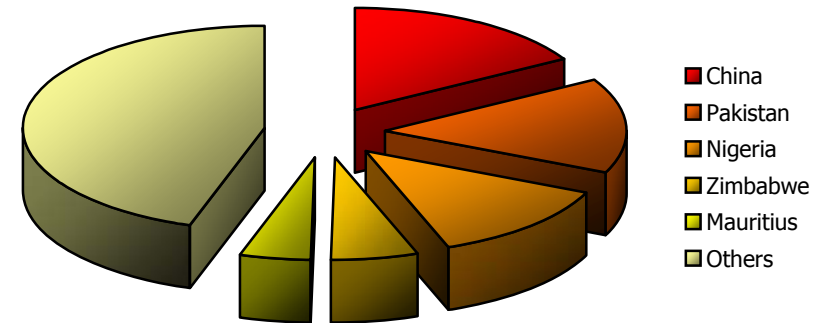
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

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

Applications in 2011 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
China	22	16.5
Pakistan	20	15.0
Nigeria	17	12.8
Zimbabwe	8	6.0
Mauritius	6	4.5
Others	60	45.1
Total	133	100.0