

# Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

## Monthly statistics



*February 2004 issue,*

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**Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.  
Activity from 20/11/2000**

**Table 1**

	Pre 2002	2002	2003	2004 (29/02)	Total
<b>Applications</b>					
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10316	11598	7483	714	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*9	36	417	41	
<b>Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>*10325</b>	<b>11634</b>	<b>7900</b>	<b>755</b>	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	11,457	11634	7900	755	31746
Decisions returned for processing	227	20	16	0	263
<b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00</b>	<b>21,075</b>	<b>11,537</b>	<b>4,635</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>37,350</b>
<i>Unprocessable</i>	25	10	6	0	41
<b>No. of applications outstanding</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>3,275</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>4,045</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 610 interviews were scheduled.

Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 78 % of cases.

**Decisions Returned for Processing**

These are manifestly unfounded cases overturned at appeal and cases which were overturned following Judicial Review and which have therefore been returned to ORAC for further processing.

\*2001 only

## Activity breakdown for February 2004

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	329
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	34
<b>Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Total Cases Completed</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>These are broken down as follows:</b>	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	27
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> <b>Where Section 13(4)(b) applies</b>	285
> <b>Where Section 13(5) applies</b>	160
> <b>Where Section 13(2) applies</b>	
- Withdrawn	33
- Deemed Withdrawn	117
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	
> <b>Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13</b>	21
> <b>Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)</b>	0
> <b>Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)</b>	0
> <b>Applications to withdraw processed</b>	4
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Unprocessable</b>	<b>-4</b>

<b>Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004</b>		<b>Table 3</b>		
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004 (29/02)</b>	
<b>Positive recommendations</b>	893	345	71	
<b>Negative recommendations following Interview</b>	5966	5461	927	
<b>Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn</b>	7565	3509	277	
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation</b>	191	237	21	
<b>Unprocessable</b>	586	-911	-6	
<b>Total</b>	15,201	8,641	1,290	

It should be noted that these recommendations refer to the year in which the recommendations were made and NOT to the year in which the applications were lodged.

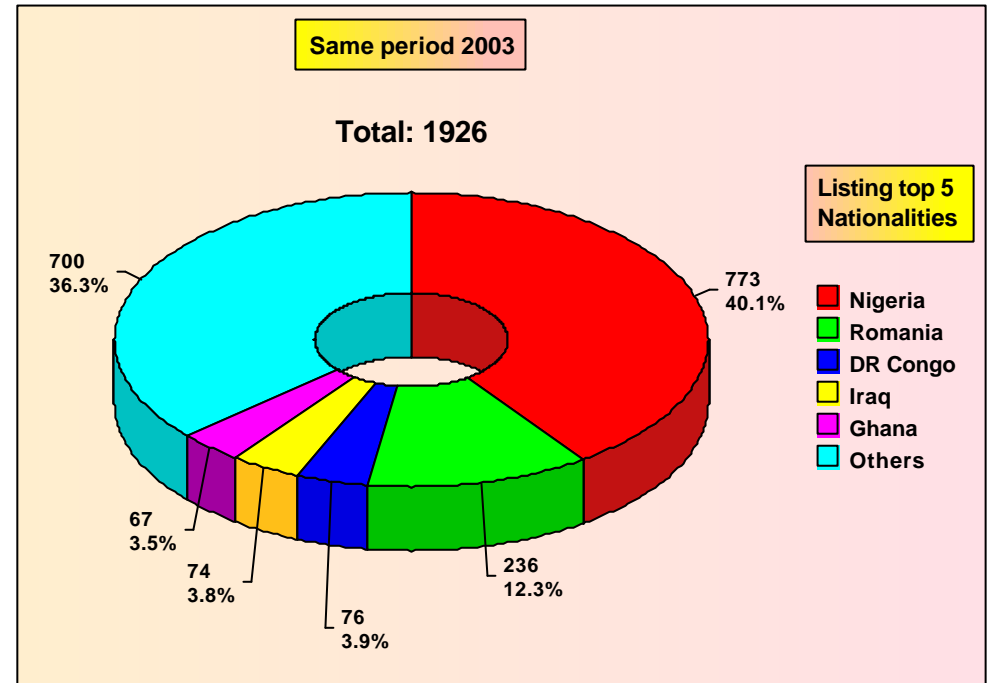
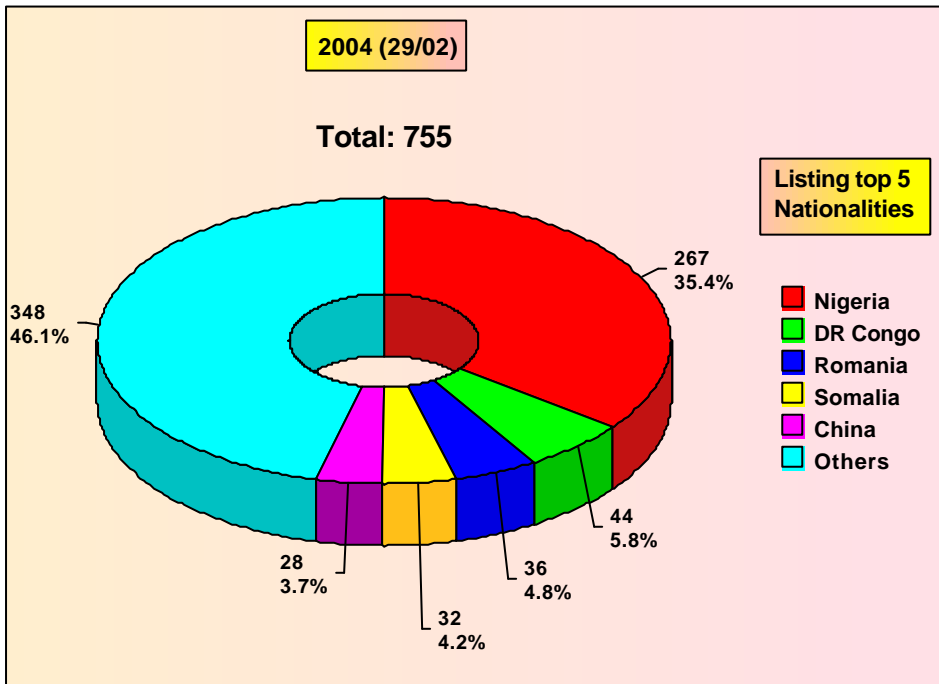
**Table 4**

**Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act**

	<b>February</b>
<b>Applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>	145
<b>Cases Completed</b> These are broken down as follows:	<b>160</b>
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	73
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	50
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	12
- Deemed withdrawn	24
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation</b>	1
<b>Unprocessable</b>	0

# Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (29/02)

Table 5



**Table 6**

**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	<b>February</b>		<b>2004 (29/02)</b>	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
<b>Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC</b>	24	47	51	91
<b>Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)</b>	45	81	73	142
<b>Number of cases processed to completion (report to minister)</b>	91	188	125	273

**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	<b>2001 - 2004 (29/02)</b>	
	Applications	Dependants
<b>Number of Family Reunification applications received to date</b>	1060	2342
<b>Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date</b>	787	1800
<b>Number of cases outstanding</b>	273	542

# Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as only Nigeria with 11 applications exceeded 10 in 2004.

Please note that the nationalities that show applications to be less than 10 cannot be released due to confidentiality reasons.