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Monthly statistical report March 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	239	34,132
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	4	1,183
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	243	35,315
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	243	58,406
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	120	108	59	3	0	1,282
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	265	225	146	88	4	817
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,985	2,794	1,993	1,242	94	68,903
<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	3	5	51	149	209

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 114 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 77.9% 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 2012 is 38 as at 31st of March.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for March 2012

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	57
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	2
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	59

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	6
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	41
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	30
	- Withdrawn 3
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 16
	- Total 19
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	6
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	0
Total recommendations made	105

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	16
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	1
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
Total additional cases	20

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (31/03)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	16
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	211
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	86
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	33
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	346

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 - March 2012

Applications

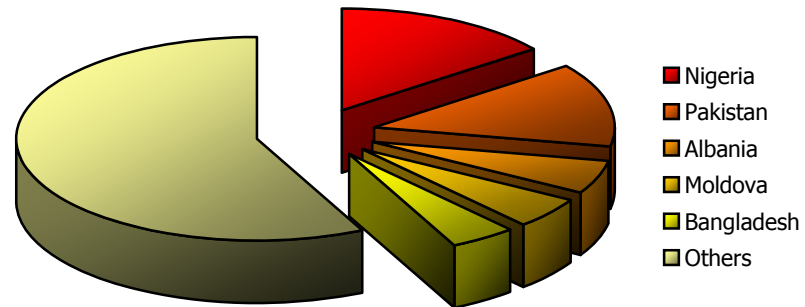
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **1**

Recommendations

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	2	
	- 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	2	

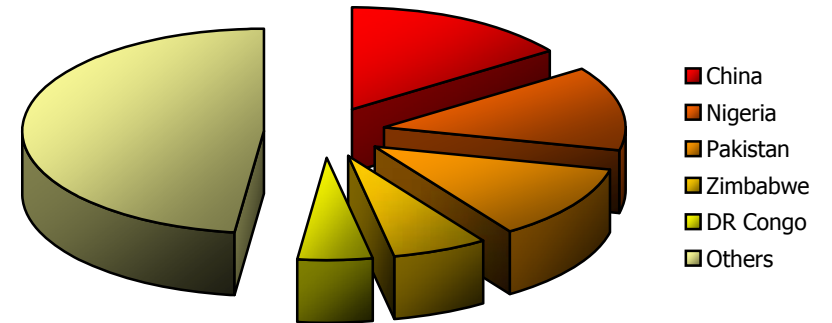
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

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

Applications in 2011 (31/03)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
China	59	15.3
Nigeria	51	13.2
Pakistan	46	11.9
Zimbabwe	25	6.5
DR Congo	19	4.9
Others	185	48.1
Total	385	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	March		2012	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	11	16	44	66
Cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	30	65	103	218

Applications outstanding as at 31-Mar: **69**

Table 7 - Family Reunification Applications [Top 5 Nationalities]

