

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



April 2006 issue,

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

Table 1

	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006 30/04	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	1410	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	28	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	1438	
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Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	1438	41518
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	56	10	0	390
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No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,781	7,923	4,809	4,240	632	50,385
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<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
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No. of applications outstanding	6	4	13	92	806	921

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 April 329 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 87% 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.

*2002 only

**Activity breakdown for
April 2006**

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	275
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	7
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	282
Total Cases Completed	378
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	29
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	213
> Where Section 13(5) applies	43
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	9
- Deemed Withdrawn	32
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	
> Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13	1
> Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)	0
> Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)	0
> Applications to withdraw processed	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	51
Unprocessable	0

Cases Processed to Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006					Table 3
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 30/04
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	161
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	1281
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	248
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	130
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	1,821

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

	April
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	77
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	113
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	2
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	64
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	32
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	5
- Deemed withdrawn	9
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	1
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (30/04)

Table 5

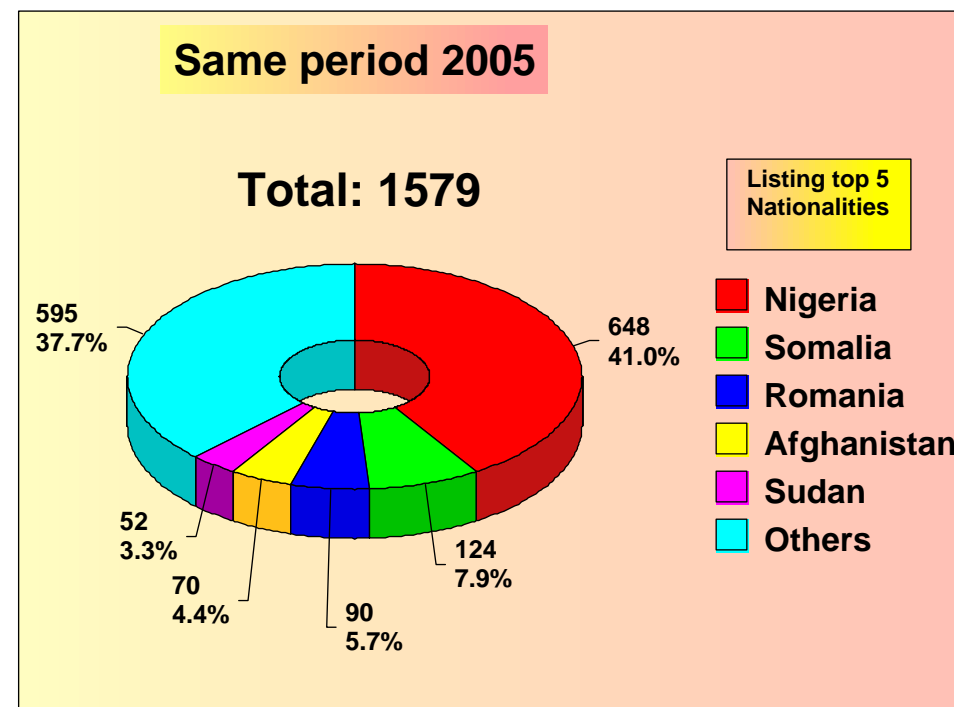
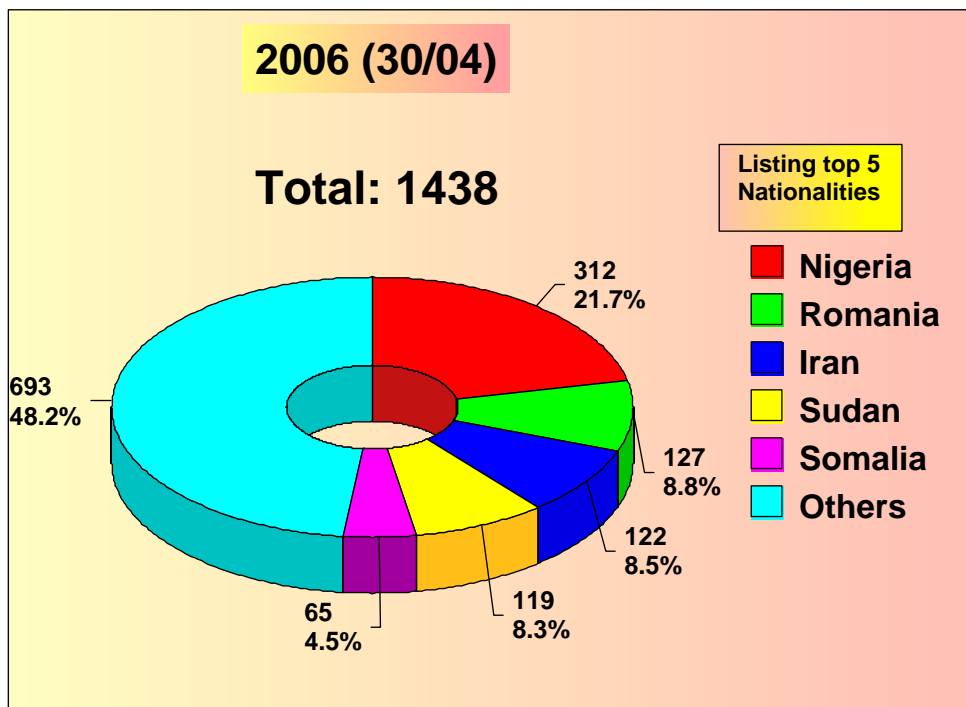


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	April		2006 (30/04)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	22	53	117	309
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	21	52	111	301
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	29	56	176	442

Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (30/04)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2008	4558
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1725	3896
Number of cases outstanding	283	662

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

The top five nationalities graph is not available as only Somalia with 22 applications and DR Congo/Zaire with 11 applications exceeded 10 in 2006 (30/04).

Please note we do not release individual figures where there are less than 10.