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Monthly statistical report May 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	381	34,274
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	7	1,186
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	388	35,460
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	388	58,551
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	120	112	75	3	0	1,302
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	265	226	147	90	11	828
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,985	2,801	2,009	1,264	234	69,088
<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	0	5	29	154	189

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 May 120 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 85.3% 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 58 as at 31st of May.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for May 2012

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	75
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	76

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	2	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	49	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	22	
	- Withdrawn	3
	- Deemed Withdrawn	9
	- Total	12
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	5	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total recommendations made	94	

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	5
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
Total additional cases	11

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (31/05)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	24
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	340
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	130
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	52
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	546

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 - May 2012

Applications

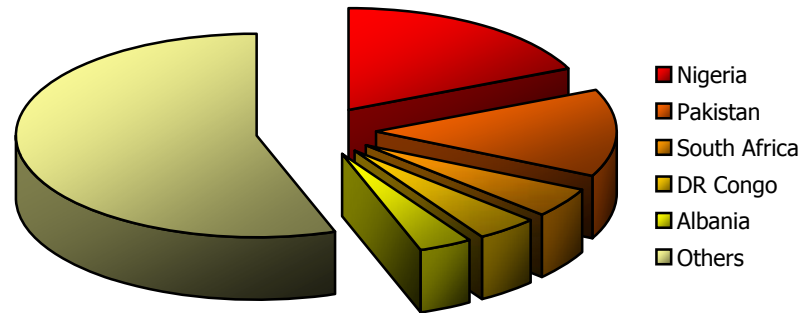
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **2**

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	1	
	- Withdrawn	1
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	0
	- Total	1
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	0	
Unprocessable	0	
Total recommendations made	2	

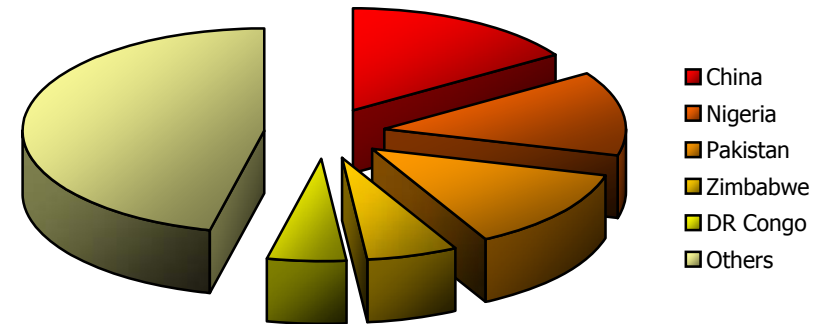
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2012 (31/05)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	71	18.3
Pakistan	54	13.9
South Africa	18	4.6
DR Congo	16	4.1
Albania	15	3.9
Others	214	55.2
Total	388	100.0

Applications in 2011 (31/05)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
China	91	15.9
Nigeria	76	13.3
Pakistan	74	12.9
Zimbabwe	35	6.1
DR Congo	30	5.2
Others	266	46.5
Total	572	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	May		2012	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	27	56	93	168
Cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	37	68	164	324

Applications outstanding as at 31-May: **53**

Table 7 - Family Reunification Applications [Top 5 Nationalities]

