

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



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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 31/08	Total
Applications						
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	2721	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	53	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	2774	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00						
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427					9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	2774	42854
Decisions returned for processing	293	31	62	11	2	399
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,781	7,923	4,819	4,312	1,964	51,799
<i>Unprocessable</i>	24	4	0	1	0	29
No. of applications outstanding	6	4	9	21	812	852

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 August 335 interviews were scheduled.
Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 92% 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 August 2006

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	326
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	7
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	333
Total Cases Completed	317
These are broken down as follows:	
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	20
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee:	
> Where Section 13(4)(b) applies	187
> Where Section 13(5) applies	21
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	7
- Deemed Withdrawn	28
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	0
> 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	54
Unprocessable	0

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 31/08
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	279
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	2216
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	421
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	368
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	1
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	3,285

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

	August
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	96
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	109
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	1
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	71
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	13
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	2
- Deemed withdrawn	12
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	10
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (31/08)

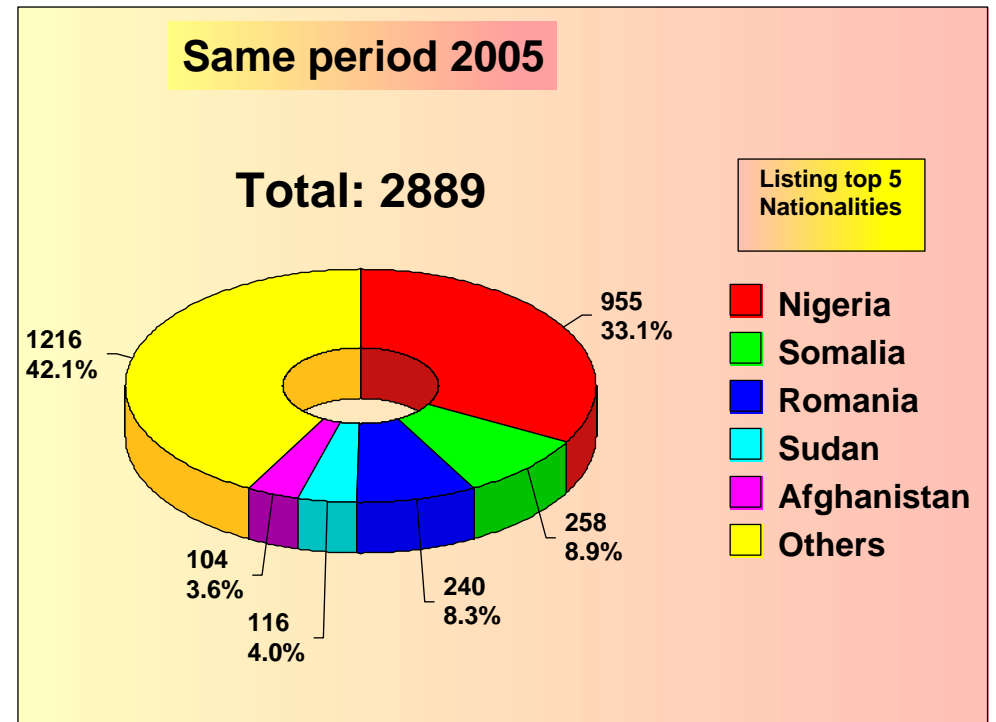
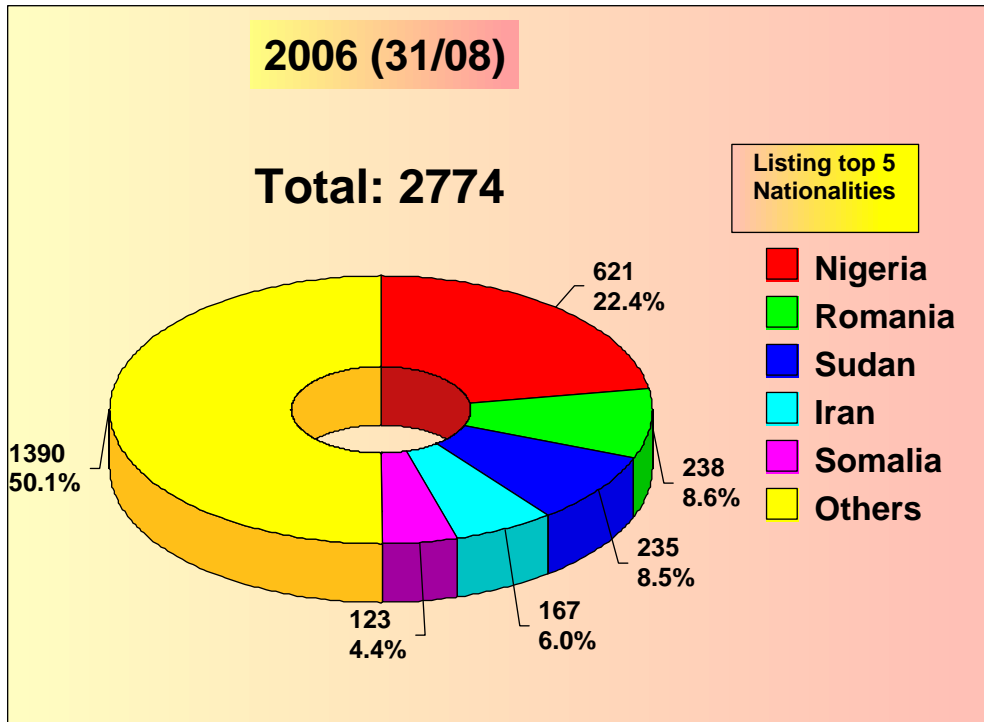


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	August		2006 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	34	70	323	803
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	47	102	316	794
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	63	146	419	956

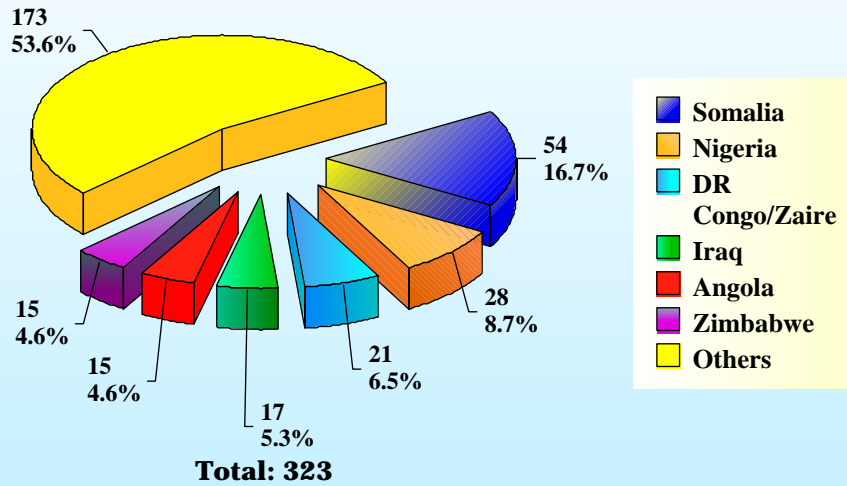
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2006 (31/08)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2214	5060
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	1962	4417
Number of cases outstanding	252	643

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 6 Nationalities 2006 (31/08)



Top 6 Nationalities same period last year

