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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Applications										
New applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7,483	4,265	4,304	4,241	3,933	3,807	2,660	1,502	32,195
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	15	1,165
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7,900	4,766	4,323	4,314	3,985	3,866	2,689	1,517	33,360
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	1,517	56,451
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	146	182	210	120	112	13	0	1,112
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	1	6	79	265	218	72	641
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,912	4,503	4,522	4,097	3,968	2,668	1,052	66,468
<i>Unprocessable</i>	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	1	1	8	10	34	465	519

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 September 283 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 80.3% 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 2010 is 97 as at 30th of September.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for September 2010

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	150
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	5
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	155

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	2
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	63
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	34
	- Withdrawn 2
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 35
	- Total 37
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	15
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	32
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	1
Total recommendations made	183

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	12
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	6
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	15
Total additional cases	33

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2010 (30/09)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 (30/09)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	21
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,063
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	434
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	222
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0
Amendment/Adjustment							-4		
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	4,152	4,581	3,908	1,740

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

Applications

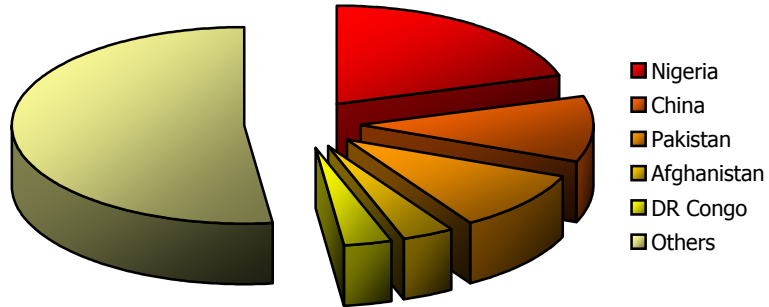
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 7

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	2
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	4
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	
	- Withdrawn 0
	- Deemed Withdrawn 3
	- Total 3
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	3
Unprocessable	0
Total recommendations made	15

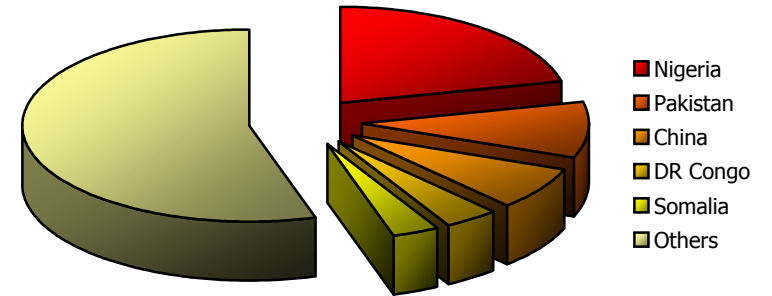
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2010 [as at 30/09/2010]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	307	20.2
China	163	10.7
Pakistan	154	10.2
Afghanistan	55	3.6
DR Congo	52	3.4
Others	786	51.8
Total	1,517	100.0

Applications in 2009 [as at 30/09/2009]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	461	21.5
Pakistan	203	9.4
China	151	7.0
DR Congo	85	4.0
Somalia	75	3.5
Others	1,174	54.6
Total*	2,149	100.0

* The September 2009 online report shows 2,151 applications. Two applications made in July were subsequently removed in December 2009. Therefore the above figure of 2,149 is correct.

Table 6 - Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed

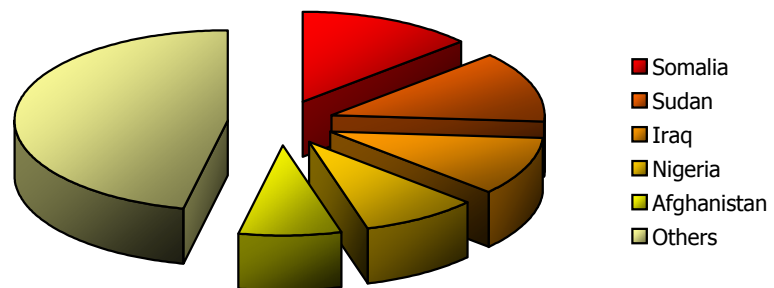
Monthly / Year-to-date activity	September		2010	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	36	70	268	507
Cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	35	69	262	502
Cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	35	69	252	485

Overall activity

	2001 - 2010	
	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received to date	3,875	8,491
Total Family Reunification applications processed to date	3,745	8,244
Number of cases outstanding	130	247

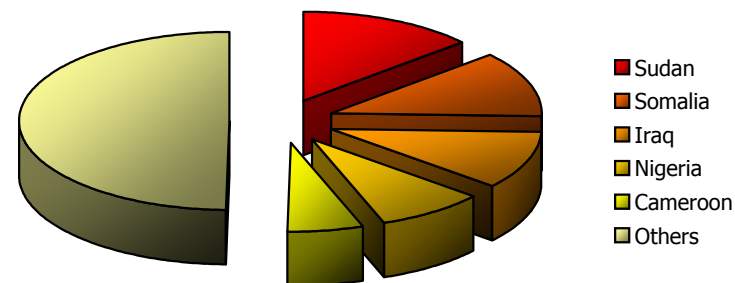
Table 7 - Family Reunification Applications [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2010 [as at 30/09/2010]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	36	13.4
Sudan	34	12.7
Iraq	28	10.4
Nigeria	24	9.0
Afghanistan	21	7.8
Others	125	46.6
Total	268	100.0

Applications in 2009 [as at 30/09/2009]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Sudan	45	13.5
Somalia	40	12.0
Iraq	35	10.5
Nigeria	28	8.4
Cameroon	19	5.7
Others	166	49.8
Total	333	100.0