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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	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	1,069	33,680
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	1,179
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	1,077	34,859
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	1,077	57,950
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	120	120	105	13	3	1,232
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	79	265	225	140	53	771
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,104	3,981	2,787	1,942	865	68,368
<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>3</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	7	10	215	238

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 October 107 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 85.7% 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 2011 is 96 as at 31st of October.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for October 2011

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	70
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	2
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	72

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	14	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	52	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	16	
	- Withdrawn	2
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	15
	- Total	17
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	11	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	19	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total recommendations made	129	

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	2
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	11
Total additional cases	13

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2011 (31/10)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	54
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	908
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	426
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	216
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	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	1,604

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 - October 2011

Applications

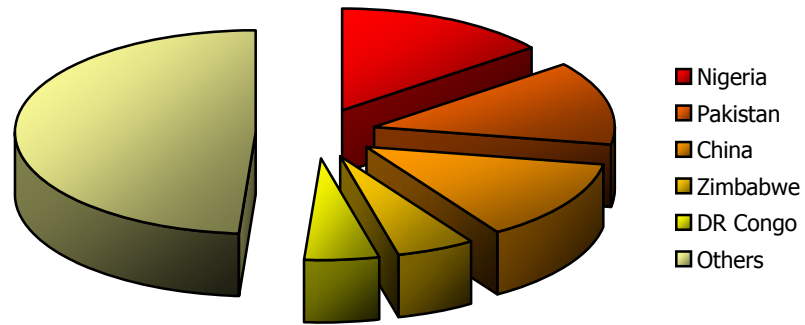
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **2**

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	1	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	1	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0	
	- Withdrawn	0
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	2
	- Total	2
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	0	
Unprocessable	0	
Total recommendations made	4	

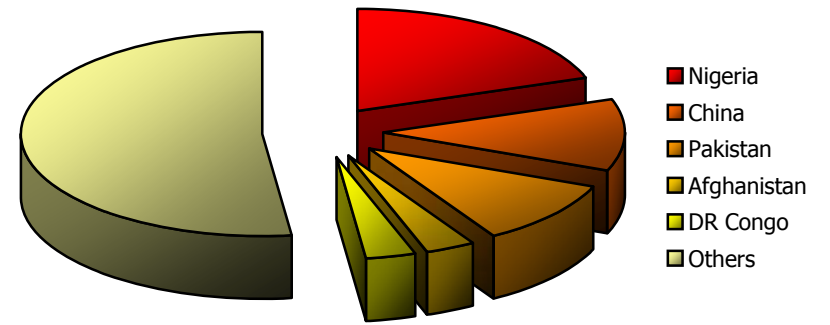
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2011 (31/10)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	156	14.5
Pakistan	144	13.4
China	139	12.9
Zimbabwe	58	5.4
DR Congo	53	4.9
Others	527	48.9
Total	1,077	100.0

Applications in 2010 (31/10)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	329	19.8
China	187	11.3
Pakistan	170	10.2
Afghanistan	58	3.5
DR Congo	55	3.3
Others	861	51.9
Total	1,660	100.0