

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly statistics



November, 2007 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	2007 (30/11)	Total
Applications							
No. of new applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11598	7483	4265	4304	4241	3598	
No of re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	47	
Total No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7900	4766	4323	4314	3645	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427						9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	23091	7900	4766	4323	4314	3645	48039
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	141	176	43	0	689
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,808	7,930	4,898	4,483	4,341	2,472	56,932
<i>Unprocessable</i>	2	0	0	1	1	0	4
No. of applications outstanding	1	6	9	15	15	1,173	1,219

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 November 396 interviews were scheduled.

Excluding interviews postponed by ORAC, applicants attended in 78.6% of cases.

Decisions Returned for Processing

These are 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 2007 is 292 as at 30th November

*2002 only

Activity breakdown for November 2007

Table 2

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	339
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	4
Total Applications for a declaration as a refugee	343
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Total Cases Completed	389
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	248
> Where Section 13(5) applies	25
> Where Section 13(2) applies	
- Withdrawn	2
- Deemed Withdrawn	58
Recommendations to refuse applicants a declaration to be a refugee and applications withdrawn under provision of the Act which existed prior to its amendment on 15/09/2003	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	23 (5)
Unprocessable	-1
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Cases returned for processing	36
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	13
Total additional cases for processing	49

(Determinations made under Dublin Convention/ Dublin Regulation under Article 4.3 not previously included as child born after parent's determination.)

**Cases Processed to
Completion for 2002/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007**

Table 3

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (30/11)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	354
Negative recommendations following Interview	5965	5461	4906	3952	3249	2421
Other Negative Recommendations and Cases Withdrawn	7565	3509	1562	835	598	758
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	345 (5)
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	3,854

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.

(Determinations made under Dublin Convention/ Dublin Regulation under Article 4.3 not previously included as child born after parent's determination.)

Table 4

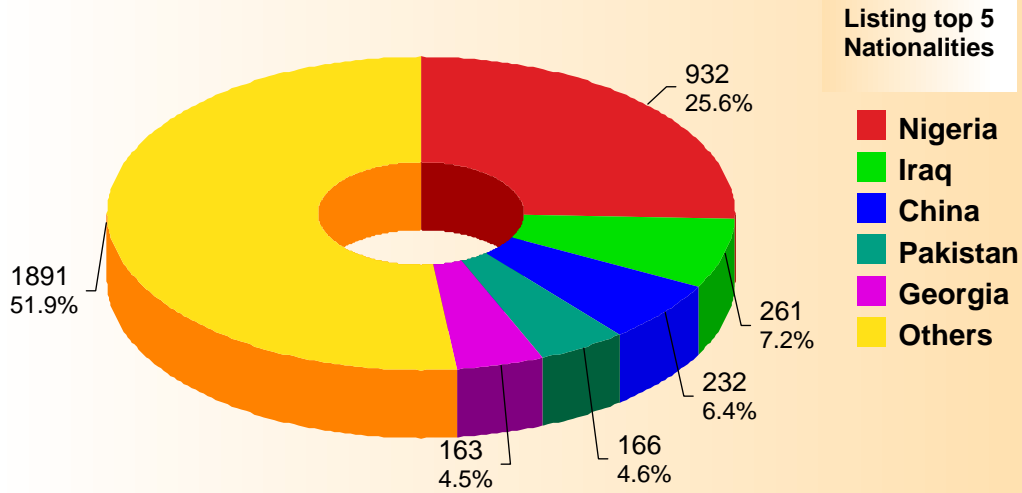
**Applications received and cases processed to completion which are subject to a
Ministerial prioritisation directive under Section 12 of the Refugee Act**

	November
Applications for a declaration as a refugee	106
Cases Completed These are broken down as follows:	111
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee	0
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(4) B applies	94
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(5) applies	9
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee where Section 13(2) applies:	
- Withdrawn	0
- Deemed withdrawn	5
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13:	0
Determinations made under Dublin Convention / Dublin Regulation	3
Unprocessable	0

Applications for a declaration to be a refugee as at (30/11)

2007 (30/11)

Total: 3645



Same period last year

Total: 4004

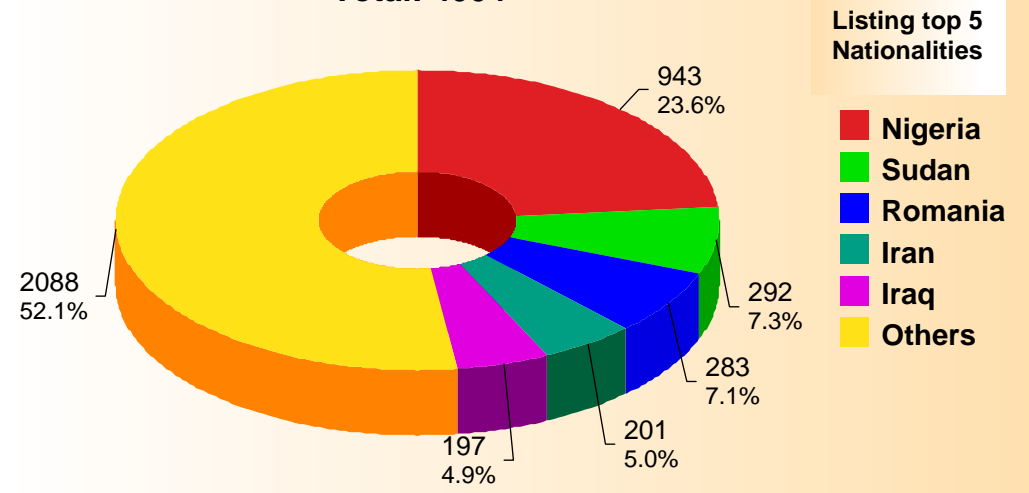


Table 6**Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.**

	November		2007 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	35	77	355	757
Number of cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	35	77	365	788
Number of cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	21	43	435	954

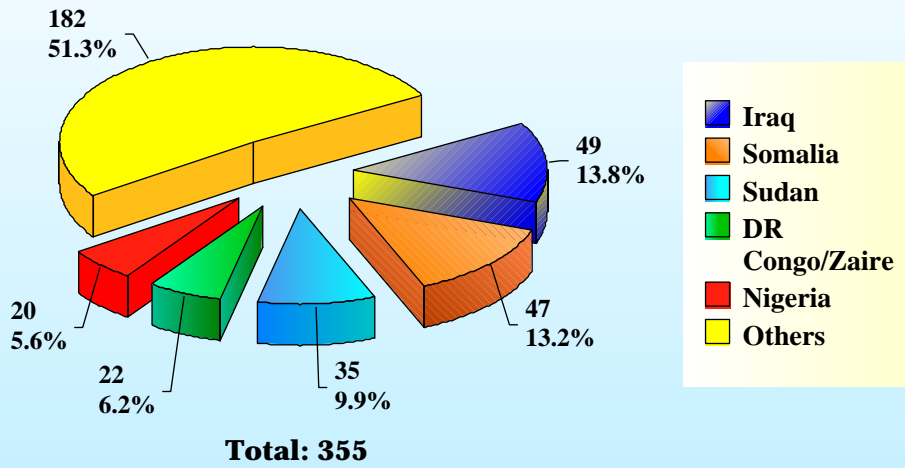
Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed.

	2001 - 2007 (30/11)	
	Applications	Dependants
Number of Family Reunification applications received to date	2731	6189
Total Number of family reunification applications processed to date	2646	6016
Number of cases outstanding	85	173

Family Reunification Applications - Top 5 Nationalities

Table 7

Top 5 Nationalities 2007 (30/11)



Same period 2006

