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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	1,796	32,489
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	18	1,168
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	*11634	7,900	4,766	4,323	4,314	3,985	3,866	2,689	1,814	33,657
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	1,814	56,748
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	183	211	120	117	26	1	1,134
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	1	6	79	265	220	82	653
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,504	4,524	4,098	3,973	2,691	1,324	66,773
<i>Unprocessable</i>	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	1	0	7	10	24	491	533

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 225 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 84.7% 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 2010 is 119 as at 30th of November.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for November 2010

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	153
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	154

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	1	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	51	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	35	
	- Withdrawn	10
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	51
	- Total	61
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	10	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	18	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total recommendations made	176	

Additional cases

Cases returned for processing	11
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	4
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	10
Total additional cases	25

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2010 (30/11)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 (30/11)
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,230
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	565
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	250
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	2,069

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

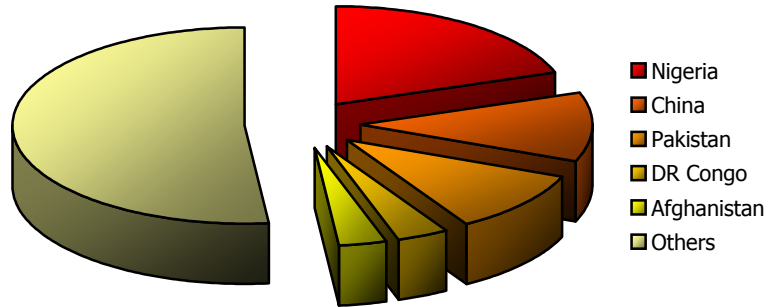
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 6

Recommendations

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	1
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	9
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	
	- Withdrawn 2
	- Deemed Withdrawn 5
	- Total 7
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0
Total recommendations made	17

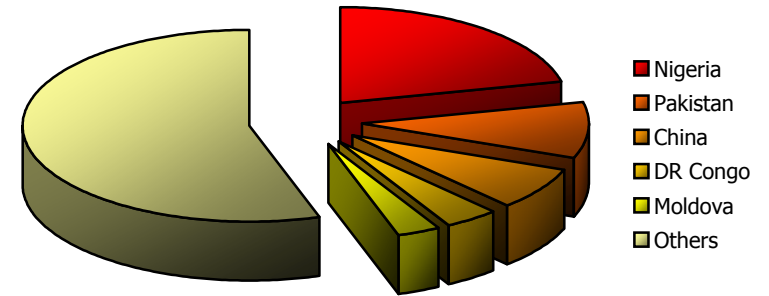
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2010 [as at 30 Nov 2010]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	357	19.7
China	206	11.4
Pakistan	189	10.4
DR Congo	66	3.6
Afghanistan	61	3.4
Others	935	51.5
Total	1,814	100.0

Applications in 2009 [as at 30 Nov 2009]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	543	21.5
Pakistan	233	9.2
China	185	7.3
DR Congo	96	3.8
Moldova	84	3.3
Others	1,387	54.9
Total*	2,528	100.0

* The November 2009 online report shows 2,530 applications. Two applications made in July were subsequently removed in December 2009. Therefore the above figure of 2,528 is correct.

Table 6 - Family Reunification Applications and Cases Processed

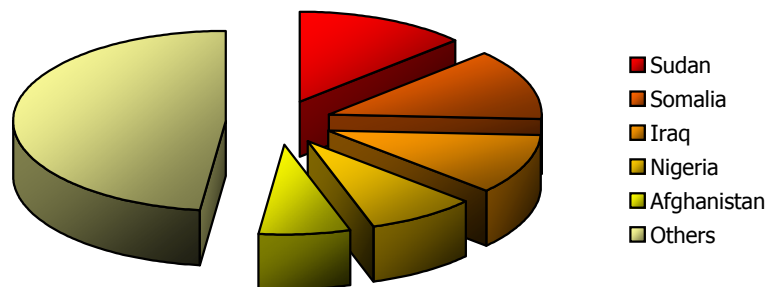
Monthly / Year-to-date activity	November		2010	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received by ORAC	17	23	312	563
Cases commenced (questionnaire issued)	16	19	306	558
Cases processed to completion (report to Minister)	2	1	255	488

Overall activity

	2001 - 2010	
	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification applications received to date	3,919	8,547
Total Family Reunification applications processed to date	3,748	8,247
Number of cases outstanding	171	300

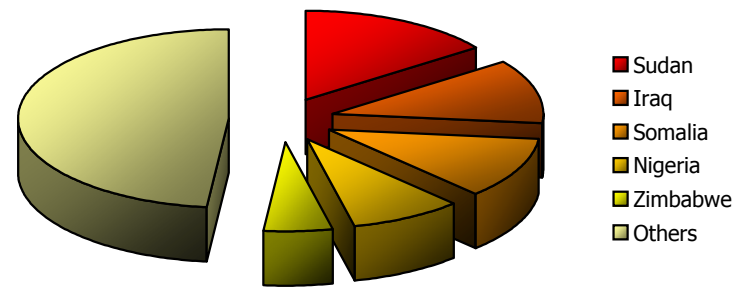
Table 7 - Family Reunification Applications [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2010 [as at 30 Nov 2010]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Sudan	41	13.1
Somalia	40	12.8
Iraq	33	10.6
Nigeria	26	8.3
Afghanistan	22	7.1
Others	150	48.1
Total	312	100.0

Applications in 2009 [as at 30 Nov 2009]



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Sudan	64	15.0
Iraq	50	11.7
Somalia	48	11.2
Nigeria	37	8.6
Zimbabwe	22	5.1
Others	207	48.4
Total	428	100.0