



## **Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner**

### **Monthly Statistics**

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**31 December, 2002**

<b>Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner. Activity from 20/11/2000</b>					<b>Table 1</b>
	<b>Pre 2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002 (31/12/02)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Applications</b>					
No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*7724	10,938	10325	11634	
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	3,238	6,189			<b>9,427</b>
Applications received from 20/11/00		1,132	10325	11634	<b>23091</b>
Decisions overturned	62	138	23	3	<b>226</b>
<b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00**</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>7,232</b>	<b>9,849</b>	<b>6,352</b>	<b>26,692</b>
<u>Unprocessable</u>	22	202	349	385	<b>958</b>
<b>No. of applications outstanding</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>5,094</b>

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 interviews. In December 983 interviews were scheduled and applicants attended in 379 cases (attendance rate of 39%)

#### **Decisions overturned**

These are manifestly unfounded cases overturned at appeal and cases which were overturned following Judicial Review.

\*1999 only

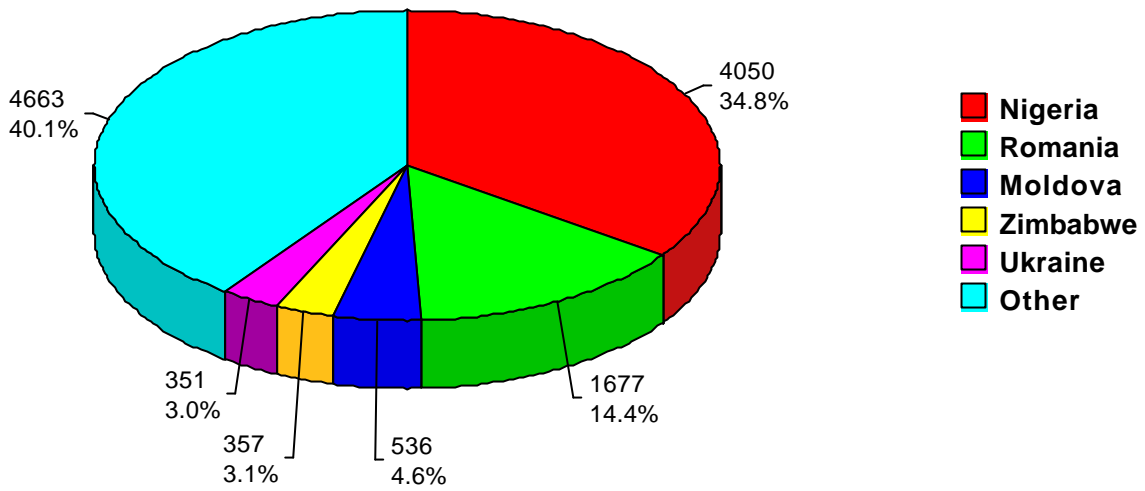
<b>Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for December 2002</b>		<b>Table 2</b>
<b>Applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>		1090
<b>Cases Completed</b> These are broken down as follows:		1002
<b>Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee</b>		32
<b>Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13</b>		296
<b>Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)</b>		6
<b>Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)</b>		39
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention</b>		19
<b>Applications to withdraw processed</b>		515
<b>Unprocessable</b>		95

<b>Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for 2001/2002</b>		<b>Table 3</b>	
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	
<b>Recommendation to declare applicant to be a refugee</b>	458	893	
<b>Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13</b>	3963	5852	
<b>Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S 12(1)</b>	567	114	
<b>Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S 11(9)</b>	1971	1503	
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention</b>	232	191	
<b>Applications to withdraw processed</b>	4581	6073	
<b>Unprocessable</b>	372	586	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,144</b>	<b>15,212</b>	

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.

**Top five countries of origin 2002**

Total: 11634



**Top five countries of origin 2001**

Total: 10325

