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Monthly statistical report August 2012

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	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	1,282	624	34,517
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	12	1,191
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	1,290	636	35,708
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	1,290	636	58,799
Decisions returned for processing	293	36	147	184	211	121	121	116	95	4	1	1,329
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	3	6	80	266	227	147	94	25	848
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,810	7,936	4,913	4,506	4,524	4,106	3,987	2,805	2,033	1,276	444	69,340
<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>0</i>	<i>3</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	193	212

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 August 117 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 88.5% 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 2012 is 85 as at 31st of August.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for August 2012

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	84
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	3
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	87

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	2	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	44	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	14	
	- Withdrawn	0
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn	13
	- Total	13
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin II Regulation	7	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total outcomes	84	

Additional activity

Cases returned for processing	9
Decisions withdrawn/reviewed	2
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
Total additional cases	15

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2012 (31/08)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	31
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	503
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	196
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin II Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	93
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	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	1,834	823

It should be noted that the above figures refer to the year in which the outcomes 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 - August 2012

Applications

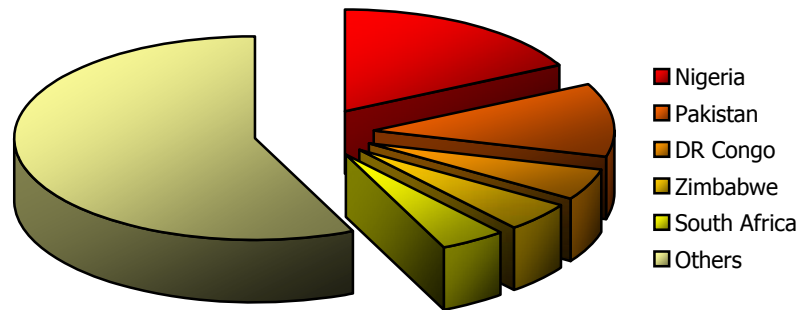
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 3

Outcomes

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

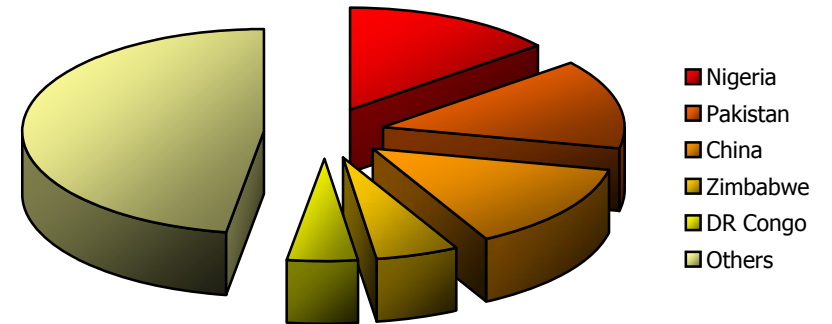
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2012 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	111	17.5
Pakistan	75	11.8
DR Congo	31	4.9
Zimbabwe	30	4.7
South Africa	28	4.4
Others	361	56.8
Total	636	100.0

Applications in 2011 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Nigeria	129	14.2
Pakistan	129	14.2
China	127	14.0
Zimbabwe	49	5.4
DR Congo	44	4.8
Others	432	47.5
Total	910	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	August		2012	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	17	32	150	287
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	21	46	218	418

Applications outstanding as at 31-Aug: 58

Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

