
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report January 2016

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Table 1 - Activity from 20/11/2000

Applications	Pre 2003	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	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	940	938	1,438	3,271	210	40,690
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	5	3	1,221
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	956	946	1,448	3,276	213	41,911
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	956	946	1,448	3,276	213	65,002
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	123	135	133	121	74	63	53	7	1	0	1,587
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	4	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	10	9	0	991
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,812	7,936	4,915	4,506	4,526	4,107	4,001	2,822	2,060	1,360	1,022	991	1,416	969	3	73,446
<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>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	-3	7	38	2,308	205	2,560

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 January 336 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 84.9% of cases.

During the month, because of the nature of the caseload concerned, a proportion of cancelled substantive interviews were also re-scheduled as interviews under the EU Dublin III Regulation.

Decisions Returned for Processing

These are EU Dublin 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 2016 is 3 as at 31 January.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for January 2016

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	210
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	3
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	213

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	26	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	100	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0	
	- Withdrawn	11
	- Deemed Withdrawn	42
	- Total	53
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		
	- Withdrawn	11
	- Deemed Withdrawn	42
	- Total	53
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	56	
Unprocessable	6	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total outcomes	238	

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	2
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	4
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
Total additional cases	9

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2016 (31/01)]

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Positive recommendations	894	345	430	455	397	376	295	97	24	61	67	128	132	152	26
Negative recommendations following interview	5,965	5,461	4,906	3,952	3,249	2,621	2,942	2,612	1,309	1,050	700	582	661	668	100
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	430	56
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	302	56
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Amendment/Adjustment							-4								
Total	15,201	8,641	7,121	5,682	4,784	4,152	4,581	3,908	2,192	1,834	1,198	1,123	1,060	1,552	244

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 - January 2016

Applications

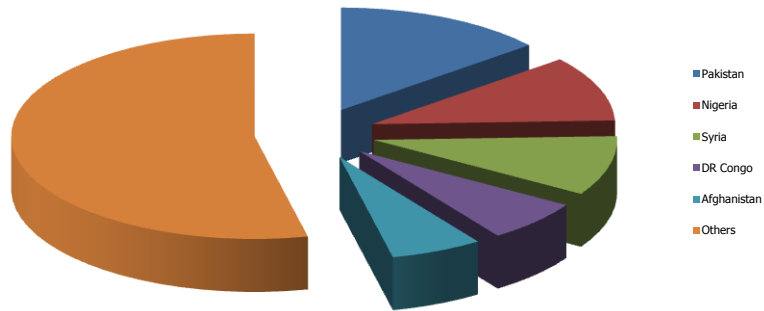
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 10

Outcomes

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

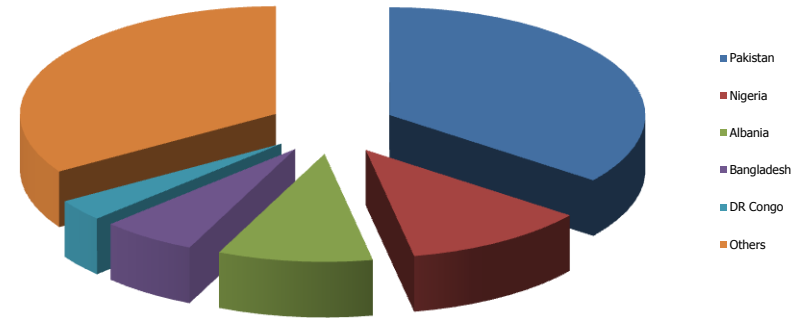
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2016 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	30	14.1
Nigeria	22	10.3
Syria	20	9.4
DR Congo	14	6.6
Afghanistan	13	6.1
Others	114	53.5
Total	213	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	76	35.3
Nigeria	25	11.6
Albania	21	9.8
Bangladesh	13	6.0
DR Congo	7	3.3
Others	73	34.0
Total	215	100.0

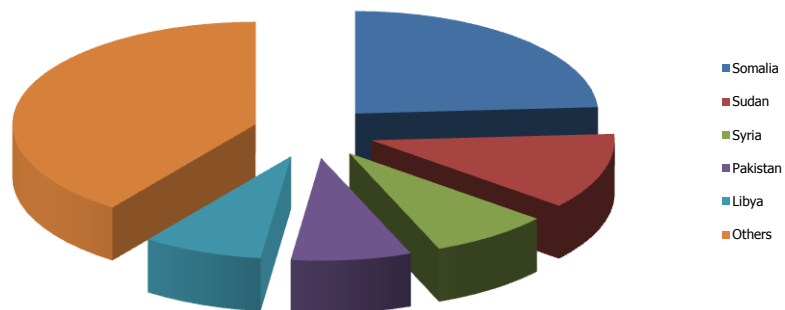
Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	Applications		2016	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	25	67	25	67
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	10	24	10	24

Applications outstanding as at 31 January: 185

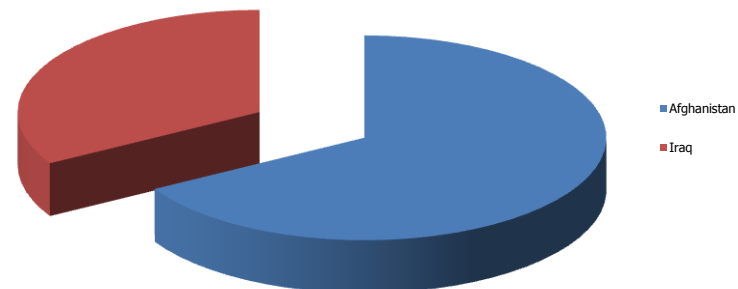
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2016 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	6	24.0
Sudan	3	12.0
Syria	2	8.0
Pakistan	2	8.0
Libya	2	8.0
Others	10	40.0
Total	25	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/01)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Afghanistan	2	66.7
Iraq	1	33.3
Total	3	100.0