
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report April 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	693	41,173
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	5	5	1,223
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	698	42,396
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	698	65,487
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	123	136	133	121	75	63	54	7	3	0	1,592
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	4	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	10	18	0	1,000
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	32,812	7,936	4,915	4,506	4,526	4,108	4,002	2,822	2,060	1,361	1,023	996	1,427	1,634	63	74,191
<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>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>12</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	-6	3	27	1,645	630	2,303

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 April 558 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 79.5% 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 7 as at 30 April.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for April 2016

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

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	23		
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status			
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	95		
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0		
	- Withdrawn	21	
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		- Deemed Withdrawn	38
		- Total	59
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	7		
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	67		
Unprocessable	2		
Amendment / Adjustment	5		
Total outcomes	251		

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	1
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	7
Total additional cases	8

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2016 (30/04)]

	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	111
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	380
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	430	228
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	302	269
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8
Amendment/Adjustment							-4								5
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	1,001

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 - April 2016

Applications

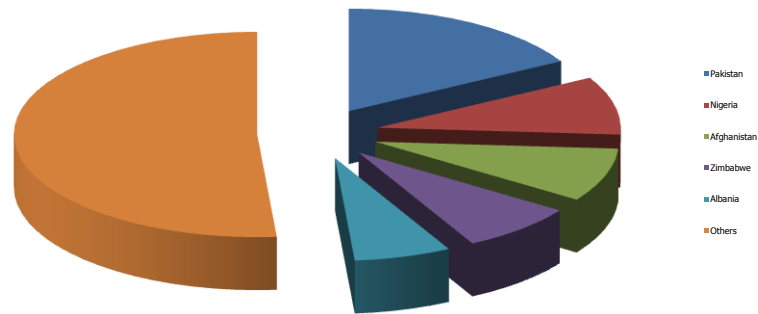
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 4

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	4
▪ 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	4

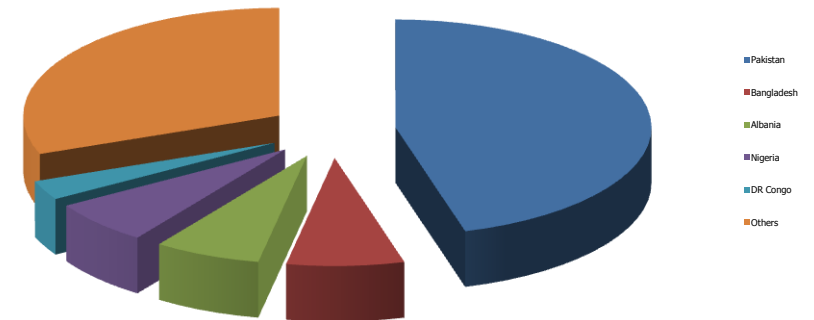
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2016 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	118	16.9
Nigeria	64	9.2
Afghanistan	59	8.5
Zimbabwe	54	7.7
Albania	45	6.4
Others	358	51.3
Total	698	100.0

Applications in 2015 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	406	45.6
Bangladesh	66	7.4
Albania	60	6.7
Nigeria	58	6.5
DR Congo	26	2.9
Others	274	30.8
Total	890	100.0

Table 6 - Family Reunification

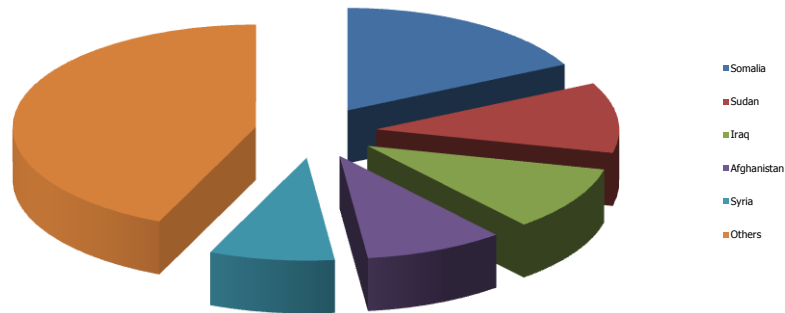
Monthly / Year-to-date activity

	Applications		2016	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	24	56	108	254
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	34	90	90	229

Applications outstanding as at 30 April: 191

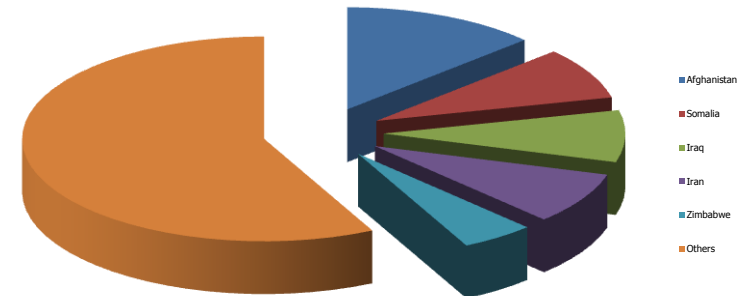
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2016 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	19	17.6
Sudan	12	11.1
Iraq	11	10.2
Afghanistan	10	9.3
Syria	9	8.3
Others	47	43.5
Total	108	100.0

Applications in 2015 (30/04)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Afghanistan	8	13.1
Somalia	5	8.2
Iraq	5	8.2
Iran	5	8.2
Zimbabwe	3	4.9
Others	35	57.4
Total	61	100.0