
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report July 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	1,151	41,631
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	5	6	1,224
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	1,157	42,855
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	1,157	65,946
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	123	136	133	121	75	63	54	7	10	11	1,610
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	4	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	12	23	6	1,013
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	1,435	2,250	242	74,994
<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	19	1,036	921	1,977

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 July 335 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 73.8% 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 25 as at 31 July.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for July 2016

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	162
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	1
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	163

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	27	
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status		
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	204	
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	1	
	- Withdrawn	8
▪ Where section 13(2) applies		50
	- Deemed Withdrawn	50
	- Total	58
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	4	
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	45	
Unprocessable	0	
Amendment / Adjustment	0	
Total outcomes	339	

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	11
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	3
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	4
Total additional cases	18

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2016 (31/07)]

	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	212
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	810
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	430	377
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	302	414
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	1,826

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 - July 2016

Applications

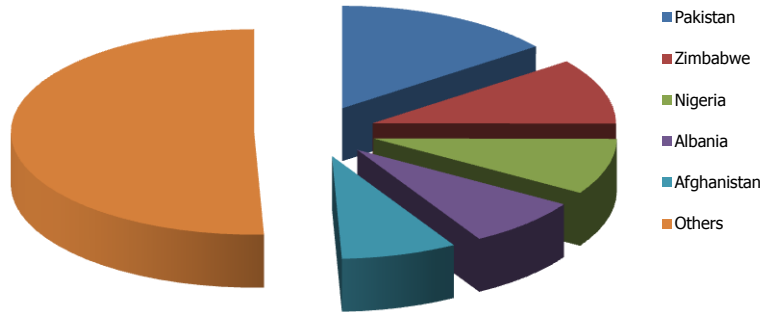
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 10

Outcomes

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

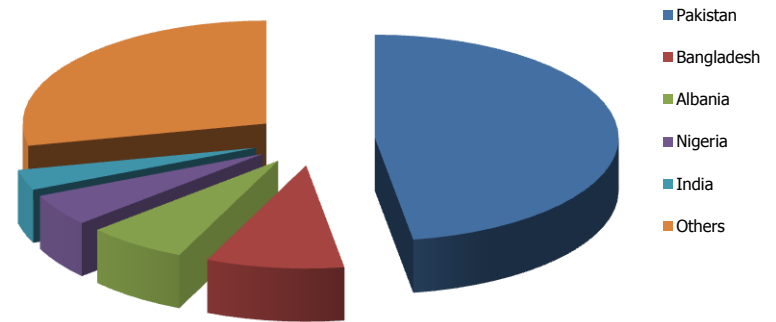
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2016 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	170	14.7
Zimbabwe	120	10.4
Nigeria	102	8.8
Albania	90	7.8
Afghanistan	89	7.7
Others	586	50.6
Total	1,157	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	841	47.5
Bangladesh	162	9.1
Albania	118	6.7
Nigeria	89	5.0
India	57	3.2
Others	504	28.5
Total	1,771	100.0

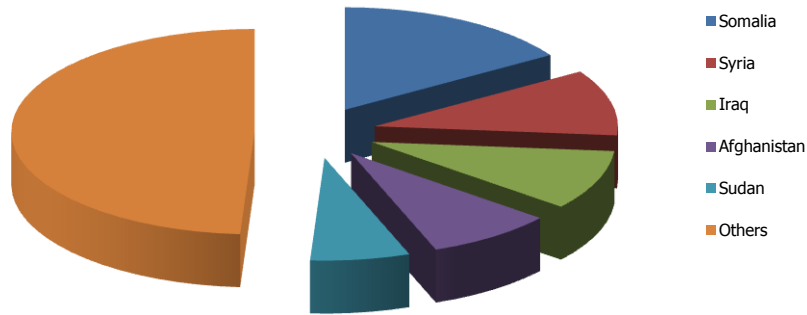
Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	Applications		2016	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	32	86	212	491
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	17	55	154	366

Applications outstanding as at 31 July: 231

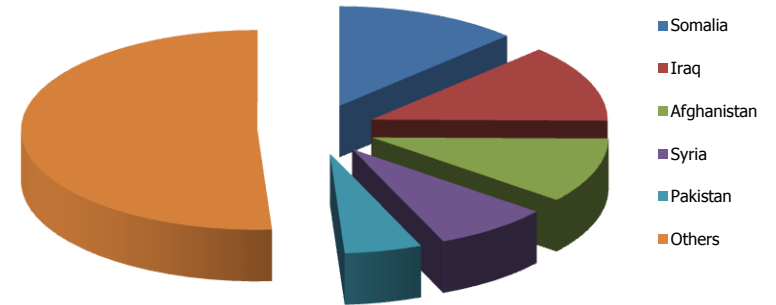
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2016 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	34	16.0
Syria	22	10.4
Iraq	20	9.4
Afghanistan	18	8.5
Sudan	14	6.6
Others	104	49.1
Total	212	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/07)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	19	12.6
Iraq	19	12.6
Afghanistan	16	10.6
Syria	12	7.9
Pakistan	8	5.3
Others	77	51.0
Total	151	100.0