
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report August 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	1,348	41,828
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	1,354	43,052
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	1,354	66,143
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	123	136	133	121	75	63	54	11	16	28	1,637
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	4	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	12	25	7	1,016
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	995	1,439	2,533	390	75,428
<i>Unprocessable</i>	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	5	12
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	-6	4	19	759	987	1,767

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 216 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 83.5% 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 52 as at 31 August.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for August 2016

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	197
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	197

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	68
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	254
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	2
	- Withdrawn 6
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 32
	- Total 38
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	76
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	0
Total outcomes	441

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	27
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	4
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
Total additional cases	34

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2016 (31/08)]

	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	281
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	1065
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	430	418
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	302	490
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	2,267

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 2016

Applications

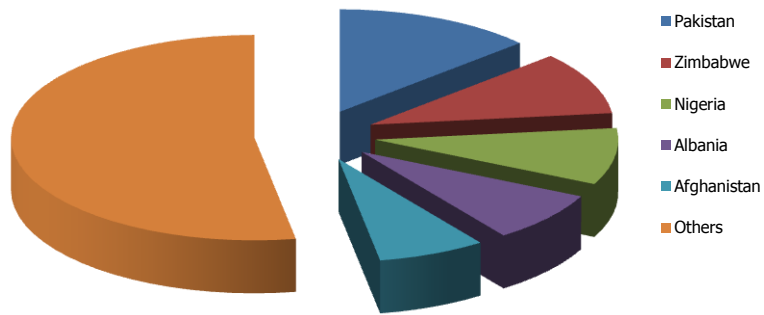
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee 8

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	12
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0
	- Withdrawn 1
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 0
	- Total 1
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	0
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	0
Unprocessable	0
Total outcomes	13

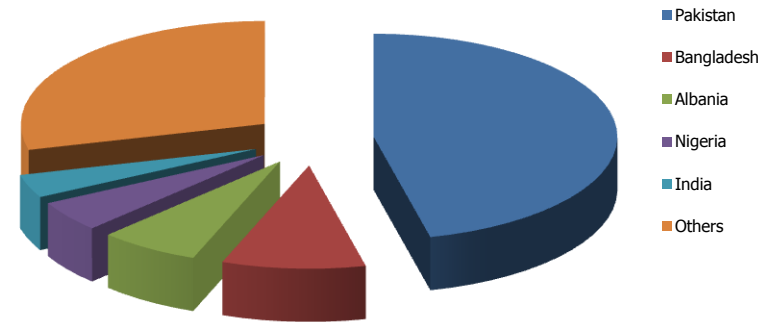
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2016 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	180	13.3
Zimbabwe	134	9.9
Nigeria	121	8.9
Albania	108	8.0
Afghanistan	97	7.2
Others	714	52.7
Total	1,354	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	973	46.3
Bangladesh	200	9.5
Albania	140	6.7
Nigeria	102	4.9
India	77	3.7
Others	611	29.1
Total	2,103	100.0

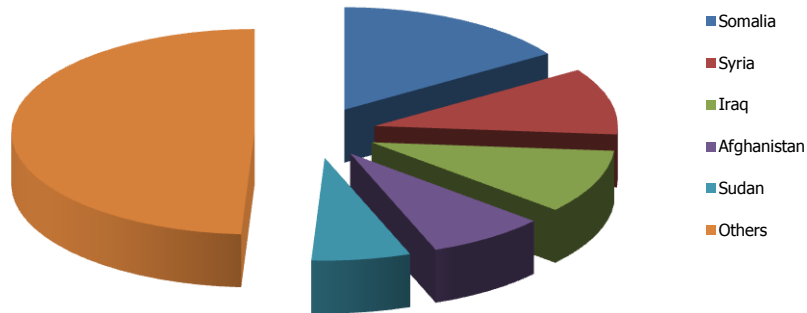
Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	Applications		2016	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	16	55	228	546
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	21	54	175	420

Applications outstanding as at 31 August: 226

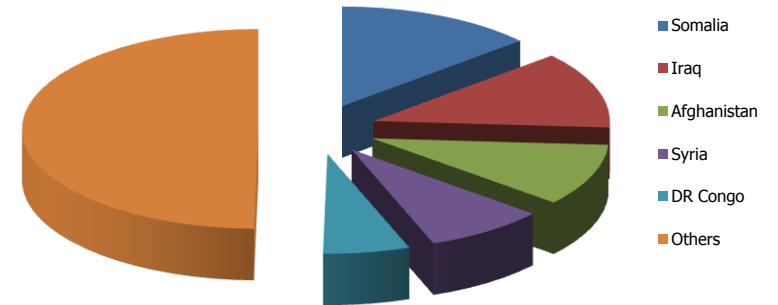
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2016 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	36	15.8
Syria	24	10.5
Iraq	23	10.1
Afghanistan	18	7.9
Sudan	15	6.6
Others	112	49.1
Total	228	100.0

Applications in 2015 (31/08)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	23	13.6
Iraq	21	12.4
Afghanistan	17	10.1
Syria	14	8.3
DR Congo	10	5.9
Others	84	49.7
Total	169	100.0