
Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner



Monthly statistical report November

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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	1,975	42,455
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	*36	417	501	19	73	52	59	29	21	8	16	8	10	5	7	1,225
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	1,982	43,680
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	1,982	66,771
Decisions returned for processing	295	36	148	185	213	123	136	133	121	75	64	54	13	21	42	1,659
Previous DII determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn S22(8)]	0	0	0	4	8	80	266	227	147	96	79	65	12	33	10	1,027
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	1,025	996	1,445	3,049	813	76,376
<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>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>18</i>
No. of applications outstanding	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	-7	3	15	247	1,201	1,463

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 November 210 interviews were scheduled. Excluding interviews postponed, applicants attended in 81.8% 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 74 as at 30 November.

*2002 only

Table 2 - Activity breakdown for November 2016

Applications

New applications for a declaration as a refugee	223
Re-applications for a declaration as a refugee	0
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee	223

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	39
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	212
▪ Where section 13(5) applies	0
	- Withdrawn 4
▪ Where section 13(2) applies	- Deemed Withdrawn 25
	- Total 29
▪ Where section 22(8) applies	3
▪ Determinations made under the EU Dublin III Regulation	28
Unprocessable	0
Amendment / Adjustment	9
Total outcomes	311

Additional activity

Applications returned for processing	10
Recommendations withdrawn/reviewed	0
Previous Dublin determinations where transfer completed [Deemed Withdrawn s.22(8)]	3
Total additional cases	13

Table 3 - Cases Processed to Completion [2002 to 2016 (30/11)]

	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	407
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	1,558
Other negative recommendations and cases withdrawn	7,565	3,509	1,562	835	598	811	964	797	596	480	287	252	246	430	552
Determinations made under the Dublin Convention / EU Dublin Regulation	191	237	243	439	540	368	385	402	263	243	144	160	21	302	578
Unprocessable	586	-911	-20	1	0	-24	-1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	14
Amendment/Adjustment							-4								125
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	3,234

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 - November 2016

Applications

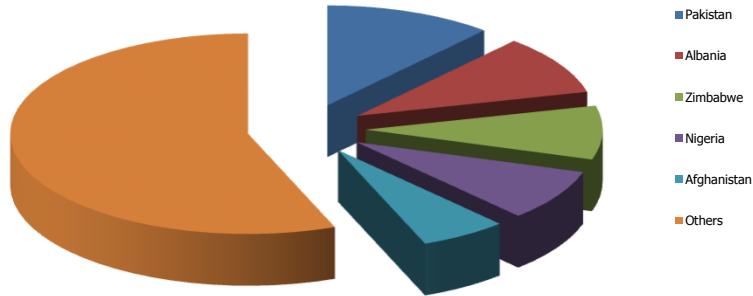
Total applications for a declaration as a refugee **2**

Outcomes

Recommendations to grant an applicant refugee status	0
Recommendation to refuse an applicant refugee status	
▪ Where section 13(4)(b) applies	11
▪ 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	12

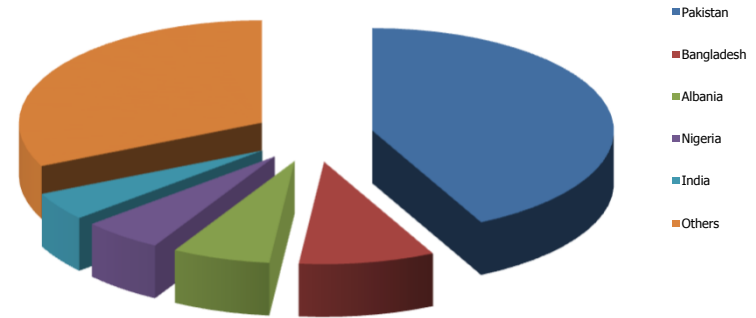
Table 5 - Applications for a declaration to be a refugee (top 5 nationalities)

Applications in 2016 (30/11)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	228	11.5
Albania	191	9.6
Zimbabwe	172	8.7
Nigeria	164	8.3
Afghanistan	118	6.0
Others	1,109	56.0
Total	1,982	100.0

Applications in 2015 (30/11)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Pakistan	1,306	42.6
Bangladesh	277	9.0
Albania	200	6.5
Nigeria	164	5.4
India	138	4.5
Others	979	32.0
Total	3,064	100.0

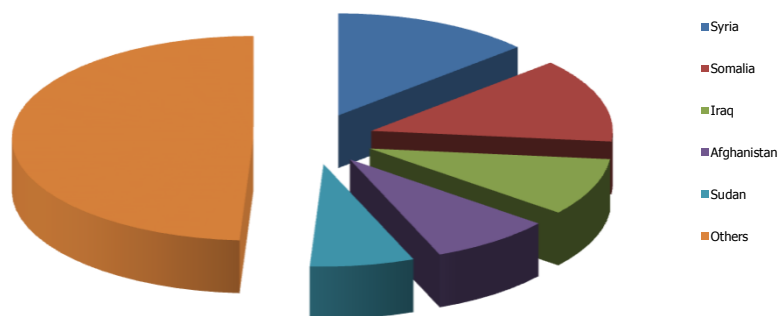
Table 6 - Family Reunification

Monthly / Year-to-date activity	Applications		2016	
	Applications	Dependants	Applications	Dependants
Family Reunification files received by ORAC	35	76	330	785
Family Reunification files returned to the Minister	20	55	229	550

Applications outstanding as at 30 November: 314

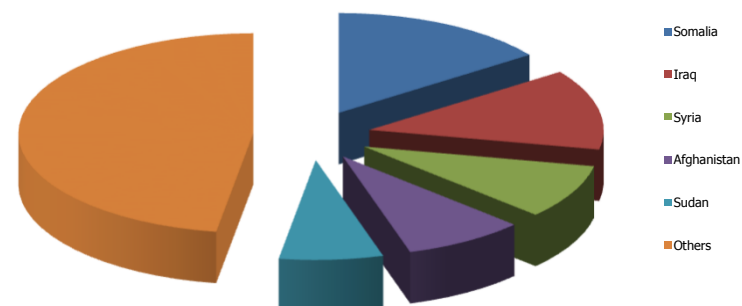
Table 7 - Family Reunification files received [Top 5 Nationalities]

Applications in 2016 (30/11)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Syria	44	13.3
Somalia	44	13.3
Iraq	30	9.1
Afghanistan	27	8.2
Sudan	23	7.0
Others	162	49.1
Total	330	100

Applications in 2015 (30/11)



Nationality	Applications	% of total
Somalia	36	15.1
Iraq	31	13.0
Syria	21	8.8
Afghanistan	20	8.4
Sudan	17	7.1
Others	113	47.5
Total	238	100