



## **Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner**

### **Monthly Statistics**

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<b>Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.</b>					<b>Table 1</b>
<b>Activity from 20/11/2000</b>					
	<b>Pre 2001</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b> (28/02/03)	<b>Total</b>
<b>Applications</b>					
No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10938	10325	11634	1926	<b>23885</b>
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				<b>9427</b>
Applications received from 20/11/00	1,132	10325	11634	1926	<b>25017</b>
Decisions overturned	201	23	5	0	<b>229</b>
<b>No. of applications processed since 20/11/00 **</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>9,963</b>	<b>8,099</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>28651</b>
Unprocessable	223	348	438	1	<b>1010</b>

<b>No. of applications outstanding **</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>5012</b>
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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 interviews. In February 1250 interviews were scheduled and applicants attended in 522 cases (attendance rate of 42%)

#### **Decisions overturned**

These are manifestly unfounded cases overturned at appeal and cases which were overturned following Judicial Review.

\*2000 only

\*\* A statistical adjustment was made to the February figures to correct some data errors in cases from 2000 & 2001

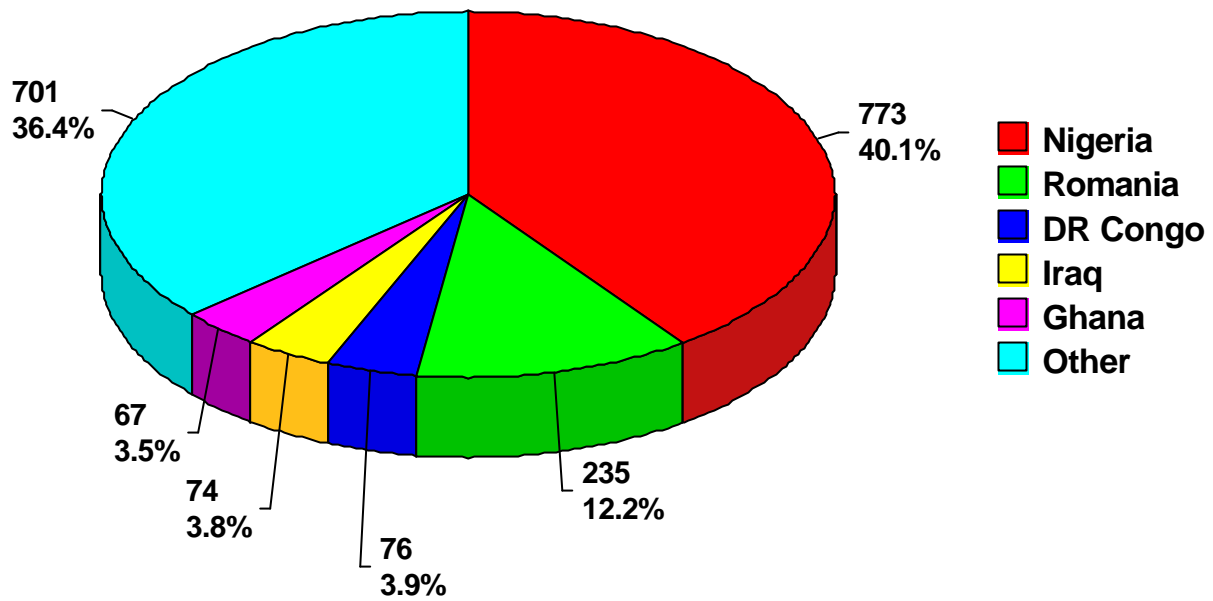
<b>Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for February 2003</b>		<b>Table 2</b>
<b>Applications for a declaration as a refugee</b>		947
<b>Cases Completed</b>		
These are broken down as follows:		874
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee		33
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13		447
Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)		11
Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)		82
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention</b>		13
<b>Applications to withdraw processed</b>		277
<b>Unprocessable</b>		11

<b>Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for 2001/2002/2003</b>				<b>Table 3</b>
	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003 (28/02)</b>	
<b>Recommendation to declare applicant to be a refugee</b>	458	893	71	
<b>Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13</b>	3963	5852	830	
<b>Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S 12(1)</b>	567	114	20	
<b>Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S 11(9)</b>	1971	1503	214	
<b>Determinations made under Dublin Convention</b>	232	191	40	
<b>Applications to withdraw processed</b>	4581	6073	768	
<b>Unprocessable</b>	372	586	52	
<b>Total</b>	12,144	15,212	1,995	

It should be noted that these recommendations refer to the year in which the recommendations were made and NOT to the year in which the applications were lodged.

### Top five countries of origin 2003 (28/02)

Total: 1926



### Top five countries of origin for same period in 2002

Total: 1601

