



Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Monthly Statistics

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31 March, 2003

Asylum Applications. The Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner.					Table 1
Activity from 20/11/2000					
	Pre 2001	2001	2002	2003 (31/03/03)	Total
Applications					
No. of applications for a declaration as a refugee	*10938	10325	11634	2818	24777
Balance of applications awaiting a recommendation from 17/11/00	9,427				9427
Applications received from 20/11/00	1,132	10325	11634	2818	25909
Decisions overturned	201	23	6	0	230
No. of applications processed since 20/11/00	10,504	9,969	8,774	158	29405
<u>Unprocessable</u>	223	347	436	33	1039

No. of applications outstanding	33	32	2,430	2,627	5122
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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 17/11/20

Processing of Outstanding Applications

All adult applicants are scheduled for interviews. In March 1182 interviews were scheduled and applicants attended in 531 cases (attendance rate of 45%)

Decisions overturned

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

*2000 only

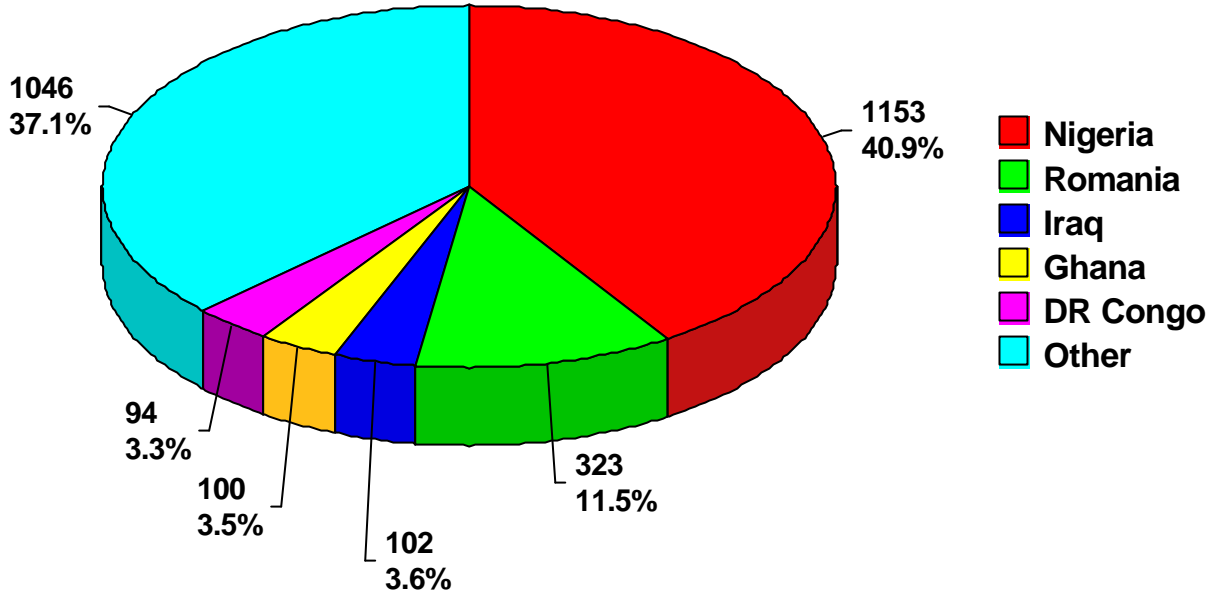
Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for March 2003		Table 2
Applications for a declaration as a refugee		892
Cases Completed		
These are broken down as follows:		799
Recommendations to declare applicant to be a refugee		21
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13		522
Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S12(1)		20
Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S11(9)		104
Determinations made under Dublin Convention		27
Applications to withdraw processed		76
Unprocessable		29

Applications and Cases Processed to Completion for 2001/2002/2003				Table 3
	2001	2002	2003 (31/03)	
Recommendation to declare applicant to be a refugee	458	893	92	
Recommendation to refuse applicant a declaration to be a refugee following interview - S13	3963	5852	1352	
Recommendation that an application is Manifestly Unfounded following interview - S 12(1)	567	114	40	
Recommendation to Refuse following failure to attend for second interview - S 11(9)	1971	1503	318	
Determinations made under Dublin Convention	232	191	67	
Applications to withdraw processed	4581	6073	844	
Unprocessable	372	586	81	
Total	12,144	15,212	2,794	

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 (31/03)

Total: 2818



Top five countries of origin for same period in 2002

Total: 2533

