

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ENB035****(Question Serial No. 0058)**Head: (39) Drainage Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Sewage ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (LO Kwok-wah)Director of Bureau: Secretary for the EnvironmentQuestion:

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19? Of these, how many were from the restaurant trade? How many appeal cases were approved? Of these, how many were from the restaurant trade? What is the average time needed to complete the processing of an appeal case?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)Reply:

The number of applications and approved cases for reassessment of (i) trade effluent surcharge (TES) rate and (ii) discharge factor (DF) for sewage charge and TES in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 are as follows:

		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (for the first 11 months only)
Reassessment of TES rate	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	159	222	79
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	147	139	68
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	116	96	116
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	107	88	55
Reassessment of DF	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	23	31	31
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	2	1	1
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	15	17	18
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	0	0	0

Note: As there is a time lag for processing the applications, the number of applications approved does not correspond to the number of applications received within the same financial year.

It normally takes 3 to 4 months to process a case.

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