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Question:

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18? 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 (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 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 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are as follows:

		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18 (for the first 11 months only)
Reassessment of TES rate	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	167	159	194
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	155	147	131
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	143	116	82
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	93	107	74
Reassessment of DF	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	24	23	26
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	0	2	0
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	22	15	17
	<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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