

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2004, 2005 and 2006? How many of them were approved? Of which, how many were from the restaurant trade? What is the average time needed to complete the processing of a case?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The number of applications and approvals for reassessment of trade effluent surcharge (TES) rate (i.e. COD reassessment) and discharge factor for sewage charge and TES in the past three years are as follows:

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
No. of applications for reassessment of TES rate			
All trades	638	842	819
Restaurant trade	542	745	715
No. of successful applications for reassessment of TES rate			
All trades	571	679	527
Restaurant trade	478	586	440
No. of applications for reassessment of discharge factor			
All trades	64	40*	42
Restaurant trade	0	0	0
No. of successful applications for reassessment of discharge factor			
All trades	41	51*	33
Restaurant trade	0	0	0

* The number of successful applications exceeded the number of applications received in 2004-05 because a large number of applications were received in late 2003-04 and approved in 2004-05.

It normally takes three to four months to process a case.

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