

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ENB035****(Question Serial No. 0357)**Head: (39) Drainage Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) Sewage ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (TONG Ka-hung, Edwin)Director of Bureau: Secretary for the EnvironmentQuestion:

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16? 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 Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan (Member Question No. 41)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 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as follows:

		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (for 11 months only)
Reassessment of TES rate	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	271	246	152
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	253	193	140
	Number of applications approved ⁽¹⁾			
	<i>All trades</i>	182	123	132
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	172	110	83
Reassessment of DF	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	28	30	18
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	0	0	0
	Number of applications approved ⁽¹⁾			
	<i>All trades</i>	8 ⁽²⁾	17	22
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	0	0	0

Notes:

1. 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the number of applications received within the same financial year and excludes the number of applications received but withdrawn.
2. For the majority of DF reassessment applications, as it takes a longer time to collect and verify the data provided by the applicants, the number of applications approved in 2013-14 was therefore relatively low.

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

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