

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**ENB033****(Question Serial No. 0057)**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 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17? 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. 35)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 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as follows:

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (for 11 months only)
Reassessment of TES rate	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	246	167	149
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	193	155	137
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	123	143	103
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	110	93	94
Reassessment of DF	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	30	24	21
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	0	0	2

		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (for 11 months only)
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	17	22	14
	<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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