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Question:

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20? 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.: 2)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (for the first 11 months only)
Reassessment of Trade Effluent Surcharge Rate	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	222	80	75
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	139	69	16
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	96	120	45
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	88	59	35
Reassessment of Discharge Factor	Number of applications received			
	<i>All trades</i>	31	33	7
	<i>Restaurant trade</i>	1	1	0
	Number of applications approved ^{Note}			
	<i>All trades</i>	17	18	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.

Normally, upon receipt of all the necessary information, it takes 3 to 4 months to process a case of reassessment of trade effluent surcharge rate, while it takes 1 to 2 months to process a case of reassessment of discharge factor.

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