

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

How many appeal cases of sewage charge and trade effluent surcharge were there in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21? 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:

| | | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 (for the first 11 months only) |
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| Reassessment of Trade Effluent Surcharge Rate | Number of applications received | | | |
| | <i>All trades</i> | 80 | 75 | 3 |
| | <i>Restaurant trade</i> | 69 | 16 | 2 |
| | Number of applications approved ^{Note} | | | |
| | <i>All trades</i> | 120 | 45 | 62 |
| | <i>Restaurant trade</i> | 59 | 35 | 7 |
| Reassessment of Discharge Factor | Number of applications received | | | |
| | <i>All trades</i> | 33 | 8 | 20 |
| | <i>Restaurant trade</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Number of applications approved ^{Note} | | | |
| | <i>All trades</i> | 18 | 15 | 12 |
| | <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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