

**Reasons for refusal of information requests under Part 2 of the Code
(Requests concluded in October - December 2023)**

Public agency	Number of times the exemption provisions in Part 2 are cited (Note)															
	Para. 2.3	Para. 2.4	Para. 2.5	Para. 2.6	Para. 2.7	Para. 2.8	Para. 2.9	Para. 2.10	Para. 2.11	Para. 2.12	Para. 2.13	Para. 2.14	Para. 2.15	Para. 2.16	Para. 2.17	Para. 2.18
Architectural Services Department												1				
Buildings Department				2												
Chief Executive's Office		2														
Civil Service Bureau									1							
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau											1					
Correctional Services Department							1									
Department of Health							2				1			1		
Department of Justice							3									
Development Bureau										1				1		
Education Bureau												1				
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department												1				
Environment and Ecology Bureau/Environmental Protection Department		2					1									
Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau						1		1								
Fire Services Department												1				
Highways Department				1			1				1					
Home Affairs Department				2									1			
Hong Kong Monetary Authority						1						1				
Hong Kong Police Force				2			3						1			
Housing Bureau/Housing Department/Hong Kong Housing Authority													1			
Inland Revenue Department																1
Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau		2														
Labour Department				2			1									1
Lands Department							2									
Marine Department													1			
Registration and Electoral Office							1						1			
Transport Department								2				5				
Total	0	6	0	9	0	2	15	3	1	1	3	10	5	2	0	2

Note

- Para. 2.3 is concerned with Defence and security
- Para. 2.4 is concerned with External affairs
- Para. 2.5 is concerned with Nationality, immigration and consular matters
- Para. 2.6 is concerned with Law enforcement, legal proceedings and public safety
- Para. 2.7 is concerned with Damage to the environment
- Para. 2.8 is concerned with Management of the economy
- Para. 2.9 is concerned with Management and operation of the public service
- Para. 2.10 is concerned with Internal discussion and advice
- Para. 2.11 is concerned with Public employment and public appointments
- Para. 2.12 is concerned with Improper gain or advantage
- Para. 2.13 is concerned with Research, statistics and analysis
- Para. 2.14 is concerned with Third party information
- Para. 2.15 is concerned with Privacy of the individual
- Para. 2.16 is concerned with Business affairs
- Para. 2.17 is concerned with Premature requests
- Para. 2.18 is concerned with Legal restrictions

The above statistics reflect the reasons cited by agencies in decisions to refuse information requests made under the Code; possible reviews of the decisions are not captured. As there may be more than one reason to refuse a request, the total number of times the exemption provisions are cited may exceed the total number of refused requests.