

**Reasons for refusal of information requests under Part 2 of the Code
(Requests concluded in July - September 2020)**

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
All registries and administrative offices of courts and tribunals for which the Judiciary Administrator has responsibility													5			
Architectural Services Department												1				1
Buildings Department												1		1		1
Chief Executive's Office							1	1				1			1	
Civil Engineering and Development Department															1	
Civil Service Bureau							1		2				4			
Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau				1												
Customs and Excise Department									1							
Department of Justice				1												
Education Bureau												1				
Electrical and Mechanical Services Department												1				
Environment Bureau/Environmental Protection Department												1				
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department												1	2			
Home Affairs Department				1												
Hong Kong Housing Authority/Housing Department								13					1	1		
Hong Kong Police Force	2			5				1	2			1				
Immigration Department				1												
Inland Revenue Department																2
Labour Department				1								1				
Lands Department				1				3	1				3			
Leisure and Cultural Services Department				1												
Office of the Communications Authority												2		2		
Security Bureau												1				
Social Welfare Department													1			
Transport Department				1												
Water Supplies Department				2								3				
Total	2	0	0	15	0	0	19	2	5	0	0	15	16	4	2	4

- 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.