

**Reasons for refusal of information requests under Part 2 of the Code
(Requests concluded in January to March 2026)**

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
Secretariat, Commissioner on Interception of Communications and Surveillance	1						1									
Security Bureau	1						2						1			
Social Welfare Department												1				
Trade and Industry Department	1						1									
Transport and Logistics Bureau								1				1	1			
Transport Department							1	1				13	1			
University Grants Committee Secretariat	1						1					1				
Water Supplies Department	1						1					1				
Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency												1				
Total	41	0	0	26	0	0	69	11	4	2	1	45	26	4	0	7

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.