

**Applications for access to information which had been refused
under the Code on Access to Information
(January to December 2017)**

Reasons for refusal (relevant paragraph of the Code)	Number of times requests were refused by B/Ds
Defence and security (para. 2.3 of the Code)	3 times [Architectural Services Department (1 time), Immigration Department (1 time), Security Bureau (1 time)]
External affairs (para. 2.4 of the Code)	1 time [Department of Justice (1 time)]
Law enforcement, legal proceedings and public safety (para. 2.6 of the Code)	22 times [Architectural Services Department (6 times), Customs and Excise Department (2 times), Department of Justice (4 times), Hong Kong Police Force (2 times), Immigration Department (1 time), Independent Commission Against Corruption (2 times), Inland Revenue Department (1 time), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (1 time), Office of the Communications Authority (1 time), Social Welfare Department (2 times)]
Management and operation of the public service (para. 2.9 of the Code)	47 times [Architectural Services Department (2 times), Civil Engineering and Development Department (4 times), Department of Health (1 time), Department of Justice (1 time), Fire Services Department (2 times), Highways Department (4 times), Hong Kong Police Force (2 times), Independent Commission Against Corruption (11 times), Inland Revenue Department (1 time), Land Registry (1 time), Lands Department (9 times), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (1 time), Planning Department (1 time), Rating and Valuation Department (4 times), Social Welfare Department (2 times), Transport and Housing Bureau (1 time)]
Internal discussion and advice (para. 2.10 of the Code)	6 times [Buildings Department (1 time), Civil Engineering and Development Department (1 time), Department of Justice (1 time), Lands Department (1 time), Registration and Electoral Office (1 time),

	Security Bureau (1 time)]
Public employment and public appointments (para. 2.11 of the Code)	4 times [Education Bureau (1 time), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (1 time), Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary (1 time), Registration and Electoral Office (1 time)]
Research, statistics and analysis (para. 2.13 of the Code)	10 times [Civil Aviation Department (1 time), Civil Engineering and Development Department (4 times), Highways Department (1 time), Hong Kong Police Force (1 time), Housing Department (1 time), Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary (1 time), Planning Department (1 time)]
Third party information (para. 2.14 of the Code)	37 times [Architectural Services Department (3 times), Buildings Department (7 times), Civil Engineering and Development Department (2 times), Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (1 time), Department of Health (1 time), Education Bureau (1 time), Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (2 times), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (1 time), Home Affairs Department (2 times), Hong Kong Police Force (1 time), Housing Department (1 time), Land Registry (1 time), Lands Department (3 times), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (2 times), Planning Department (2 times), Registration and Electoral Office (1 time), Social Welfare Department (2 times), Transport and Housing Bureau (1 time), Transport Department (2 times), Water Supplies Department (1 time)]
Privacy of the individual (para. 2.15 of the Code)	21 times [Civil Engineering and Development Department (2 times), Fire Services Department (1 time), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (1 time), Home Affairs Department (1 time), Hong Kong Police Force (1 time), Housing Department (2 times), Independent Commission Against Corruption (2 times), Inland Revenue Department (3 times), Lands Department (1 time), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (2 times), Marine Department (1 time), Offices of the Chief Secretary for Administration and the Financial Secretary (1 time), Social Welfare Department (2 times), Transport Department (1 time)]

Business affairs (para. 2.16 of the Code)	6 times [Civil Engineering and Development Department (2 times), Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (1 time), Independent Commission Against Corruption (1 time), Planning Department (1 time), Transport Department (1 time)]
Premature requests (para. 2.17 of the Code)	5 times [Education Bureau (1 time), Home Affairs Department (1 time), Lands Department (1 time), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (1 time), Planning Department (1 time)]
Legal restrictions (para. 2.18 of the Code)	12 times [Department of Justice (1 time), Hong Kong Monetary Authority (2 times), Housing Department (1 time), Inland Revenue Department (7 times), Transport Department (1 time)]

Note: The total number of refused cases is less than the total number of times the reasons for refusal are cited by B/Ds, as a request may be refused for more than one reason.