

Annex 2 to LCQ10

Breakdown of the number of these applications received, approved and refused from July 1997 to December 2011

| Year | (a) Applications Received | (b) Applications Approved* | (c) Applications Refused* |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1997 (July to December) | 39,560 | 31,379 | 111 |
| 1998 | 69,008 | 49,389 | 534 |
| 1999 | 75,670 | 44,841 | 2,010 |
| 2000 | 60,577 | 50,109 | 1,785 |
| 2001 | 62,530 | 51,080 | 1,516 |
| 2002 | 68,361 | 61,878 | 1,587 |
| 2003 | 81,600 | 69,982 | 1,358 |
| 2004 | 72,560 | 62,518 | 2,677 |
| 2005 | 59,318 | 47,920 | 3,847 |
| 2006 | 57,119 | 46,933 | 4,433 |
| 2007 | 56,117 | 42,737 | 5,031 |
| 2008 | 49,990 | 42,799 | 5,354 |
| 2009 | 53,947 | 39,981 | 4,368 |
| 2010 | 60,711 | 52,316 | 5,204 |
| 2011 | 60,729 | 44,264 | 5,571 |

* number of applications approved or refused in that year may not necessarily correspond with item (a)

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