

LCQ14**Number of claims, amount of compensation and legal costs
(as at the end of January 2017)**

Year in which the claims¹ were reported	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
(1) Number of claims ²	133	148	130	108	94
(2) Number of claims settled out of court ³	30	29	29	12	2
(a) Total amount of compensation paid in respect of claims settled out of court (in round figures and million dollars)	10.79	17.41	17.61	3.33	0.16
(b) Legal fees paid by the Hospital Authority (HA) in respect of claims settled out of court (in round figures and million dollars)	5.92	4.97	2.56	0.59	0
(3) Number of claims referred to mediation	1	3	1	1	0
(a) Number of claims settled during mediation	1	2	1	1	0
(b) Number of claims settled after mediation	0	1	0	0	0
(c) Compensation paid from 2012 to 2016 in respect of claims settled during mediation ⁴ (in round figure and million dollars)	5.09				

Notes :

- 1 Cases reported under the medical incidents insurance scheme of the HA.
- 2 The number of claims in a particular year as set out in the above tables includes the number of claims settled through out of court and mediation. For example, for the cases reported in 2012, as at the end of January 2017, a total of 133 cases of claims were received, of which 30 were settled out of court.
- 3 Including claims settled out of court after legal proceedings had commenced.
- 4 As the compensation agreements must be kept confidential and the number of claims settled during mediation is relatively small, the HA is unable to provide a breakdown of the compensation paid according to agreements reached by mediation.