

**Statistics on the number of legal aid applications in respect of judicial review (JR) cases
and the legal expenditure for legally-aid JR cases**

- (1) Number of legal aid applications involving JR received by the Legal Aid Department (LAD) and the number of legal aid certificates granted from 2001 to 2017^{Note 1}

Year ^{Note 2}	No. of legal aid applications involving JR received	No. of legal aid certificates granted for JR cases ^{Note 3}
2001	147	20
2002	144	17
2003	146	20
2004	125	18
2005	180	24
2006	174	42
2007	234	99
2008	364	190
2009	552	200
2010	268	93
2011	229	58
2012	506	92
2013	432	119
2014	266	74
2015	500	107
2016	437	27
2017	1 046	29

Notes:

- 1 Statistics in the table include legal aid applications received and legal aid certificates granted which involve JR and are related to non-refoulement claims. Among the 1 046 legal aid applications involving JR received by the LAD in 2017, 841 of them were submitted by non-refoulement claimants seeking JR against the decisions made in relation to their claims.
- 2 The LAD has kept the number of legal aid applications involving JR since 2001.
- 3 Legal aid certificates may not be granted in the same year when the respective applications were received.

- (2) Number and percentage of legally-aided JR cases concluded with the outcome in favour of the legally-aided person in the past five years

Year	In favour of the legally-aided person ^{Note}	
	No.	Percentage
2013	44	52%
2014	41	60%
2015	46	52%
2016	111	72%
2017	58	51%

Note: Figures include cases in which (1) judgement was in favour of the aided person; (2) precedent was set by the court subsequent to the grant of legal aid, thus favourable to the case of the aided person; (3) relief was given to the aided person by the opponent (government department/organisation) before conclusion of the legal proceedings; and (4) policy amendment was made by the opponent (government department/organisation) so that relief could be obtained by the aided person who therefore did not have to continue with the legal proceedings. The LAD has not kept statistics on legally-aided JR cases with the outcome not in favour of the aided person and pre-2013 statistics on legally-aided JR cases with the outcome in favour of the aided person.

- (3) Legal expenditure on legally-aided JR cases in the past five financial years and the respective percentages out of the total legal aid costs in the corresponding financial years

Financial year	Legal expenditure on cases involving JR (\$ million) ^{Note}	Percentage out of total legal aid costs of the financial year
2012-13	21.9	4.27%
2013-14	33.9	5.95%
2014-15	22.7	4.00%
2015-16	29.4	5.17%
2016-17	36.3	5.02%

Note: The legal expenditure on cases involving JR was the total expenditure for legally-aided cases involving JR in the financial year, including the expenditure for cases where the legal aid certificates were not granted within that financial year. The LAD has not kept consolidated data preceding the financial year 2012-13.