

Annex 1

Number of Online Deception Cases in the Past Five Years

	Number of cases				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (January to April)
Online deception	6 354	5 157	10 716	13 859	5 582
Online business fraud	2 717	2 317	6 941	6 491	2 751
<i>(online shopping scam)</i>	(2 187)	(2 194)	(6 678)	(6 120)	(2 585)
<i>(fraudulent use of credit card)</i>	(530)	(123)	(263)	(371)	(166)
Social media scam	2 064	1 678	1 988	3 638	986
<i>(compensated dating scam)</i>	(746)	(761)	(858)	(1 743)	(449)
<i>(romance scam)</i>	(596)	(594)	(905)	(1 659)	(510)
Email scam	894	816	767	549	127
<i>(corporate level)</i>	(887)	(752)	(639)	(432)	(102)
<i>(personal level)</i>	(7)	(64)	(128)	(117)	(25)
E-banking fraud	3	3	0	87	1
Miscellaneous online frauds	676	343	1 020	3 094	1 717
<i>(online investment scam)</i>	(338)	(167)	(544)	(980)	(486)
<i>(online employment fraud)</i>	(150)	(66)	(236)	(1 063)	(860)

Note: Most cases of online financial fraud, online virtual currency trading fraud, and fraud related to virtual asset trading platforms are categorised by their modus operandi as romance scam or online investment scam.