

Arrest, Prosecution and Conviction Figures of Deception-related Offences**Table 1: Total Number of Persons Arrested for Deception-related Offences**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Total number of persons arrested	1 646	1 492	2 058	2 835	4 112	12 143

Note: Police do not maintain a breakdown of the number of persons arrested by nature of the fraud cases.

Table 2: Number of Persons Prosecuted and Convicted

Fraud under section 16A of the Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210)

	Year of Conclusion of Case					Total (Number of Persons)
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Convicted	265	241	190	242	172	1 110
Immediate imprisonment	94	94	63	109	75	435
Suspended imprisonment	77	60	54	52	23	266
Community service order	74	72	57	60	61	324
Others (Note 1)	20	15	16	21	13	85
Not Convicted	48	35	29	29	32	173
Total	313	276	219	271	204	1 283

Obtaining property by deception under section 17 of the Theft Ordinance (Cap. 210)

	Year of Conclusion of Case					Total (Number of Persons)
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Convicted	72	56	48	76	42	294
Immediate imprisonment	61	49	39	56	32	237
Suspended imprisonment	4	0	4	4	3	15
Community service order	1	4	3	7	3	18
Others (Note 2)	6	3	2	9	4	24
Not Convicted	19	25	13	27	18	102
Total	91	81	61	103	60	396

Note 1: This includes probation orders, detention centre orders, addiction treatment centre orders, rehabilitation centre orders, bind over orders, conditional release orders, fines and orders for compensation.

Note 2: This includes addiction treatment centre orders, rehabilitation centre orders, probation orders and fines.

Note 3: The figures above are presented based on the year of conclusion of the relevant case. As the court proceedings in some cases may take longer, the year of arrest may not be the same as the year of conclusion of the case.

Note 4: The offence of “dealing with property known or believed to represent proceeds of an indictable offence” under section 25 of the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Cap. 455) may involve proceeds of any indictable offence. The Government does not have separate statistical figures of cases related to the proceeds of deception.