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Head: 76 Inland Revenue DepartmentSubhead (No. & title):Programme: (1) Assessing FunctionsControlling Officer: Commissioner of Inland RevenueDirector of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the TreasuryQuestion:

In the past 5 financial years, how many tax returns in respect of profits tax, salaries tax, property tax and personal assessment were filed online? What are the respective percentages of these tax returns out of the total number of tax returns for each type of tax?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lamReply:

In the past 5 financial years, the numbers and percentages of tax returns filed online are as follows:

Financial Year	Total number of tax returns filed online (% of the respective total tax returns)		
	Profits Tax Return*	Individual Tax Return**	Property Tax Return***
2007-08	Not applicable	139 000 (6.5%)	1 900 (1.5%)
2008-09	Not applicable	197 000 (9.3%)	3 000 (2.4%)
2009-10	Not applicable	248 000 (11.3%)	3 700 (2.9%)
2010-11	750 (0.2%)	283 000 (12.3%)	4 800 (3.1%)
2011-12 (as at 31.1.2012)	850 (0.3%)	326 000 (14.6%)	5 700 (3.9%)

* Starting from April 2010, small corporations and partnerships can file profits tax returns online.

** Including salaries income, property rental income from solely-owned properties and profits from sole proprietorship businesses as well as applications for personal assessment.

*** Property rental income from jointly-owned properties.

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