

# CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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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:

How many applications for holding over of part or the whole of the provisional tax and paying tax by instalments were received in respect of profits tax, salaries tax and personal assessment in the previous 5 years? What are the respective percentages of these cases out of the total number of assessed cases for each type of tax? What are the respective amounts receivable involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lamReply:

The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) does not keep statistics on applications for holding over of provisional tax and paying tax by instalments. It therefore cannot provide information on applications. However, IRD could provide statistics on approved cases. In the past 5 financial years, the statistics on approvals for holding over of provisional tax and paying tax by instalments and their respective percentages out of the total provisional tax charged and total tax assessed are as follows:

## (i) Holding over of provisional tax:

Financial Year	Profits Tax			Salaries Tax		
	No. of demand notes	% of total demand notes	% of total provisional tax charged	No. of demand notes	% of total demand notes	% of total provisional tax charged
2007-08	4 200	3.6%	9.6%	32 600	2.7%	4.5%
2008-09	8 400	7.0%	19.0%	59 900	4.9%	15.6%
2009-10	7 100	5.5%	15.1%	47 600	3.8%	6.9%
2010-11	5 200	3.9%	12.3%	33 100	2.6%	4.9%
2011-12*	5 400	4.2%	10.9%	40 800	3.0%	5.7%

\* As at 31 January 2012

Personal Assessment is not a tax levied but a relief measure. No provisional tax is charged under personal assessment.

## (ii) Paying tax by instalments:

Financial Year	Profits Tax			Salaries Tax			Personal Assessment		
	No. of demand notes	% of total demand notes	% of total tax assessed	No. of demand notes	% of total demand notes	% of total tax assessed	No. of demand notes	% of total demand notes	% of total tax assessed
2007-08	2 020	1.7%	0.6%	8 660	0.7%	0.8%	710	0.4%	0.9%
2008-09	2 290	1.9%	1.3%	7 210	0.6%	1.0%	700	0.4%	1.6%
2009-10	2 090	1.6%	1.2%	7 550	0.6%	1.0%	690	0.6%	1.0%
2010-11	1 920	1.5%	0.6%	6 200	0.5%	0.6%	490	0.3%	0.7%
2011-12*	1 030	0.8%	0.3%	3 490	0.3%	0.3%	390	0.3%	0.4%

\* As at 31 January 2012

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