

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Programme : (3) Support for Small and Medium Enterprises and Industries

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Question :

- (a) the number of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) the applications of which for SME Export Marketing Fund have been rejected because the level of SME Export Marketing Fund, if approved, together with those they have received previously will have exceeded the upper limit each SME entitles; and
- (b) the number of SMEs which have received SME Export Marketing Fund that have reached the upper limit each SME entitles.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

The maximum cumulative amount of grant that an SME may obtain from the SME Export Marketing Fund (EMF) is \$80,000. As at end March 2005,

- (a) applications from 283 SMEs for the EMF have been rejected as they have reached their \$80,000 grant ceiling.
- (b) a total of 1 464 SMEs which have received EMF grants have reached the grant ceiling.

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