

**Breakdown by number and amount of fee reimbursement to parents under Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission Scheme
(named Kindergarten Fee Remission Scheme prior to harmonisation in September 2005)**

Month \ School Year	2004/05		2005/06#		2006/07 (as at Dec 2006)	
	Number of applicants paid*	Total amount of fee reimbursement^	Number of applicants paid*	Total amount of fee reimbursement^	Number of applicants paid*	Total amount of fee reimbursement^
September	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
October	18,406	\$37,556,335	12,171	\$27,632,777	12,402	\$32,434,148
November	40,320	\$70,280,229	35,198	\$69,848,824	40,107	\$91,880,952
December	50,156	\$65,969,414	47,102	\$74,104,050	50,786	\$83,097,815
January	51,907	\$48,211,402	51,598	\$62,392,852		
February	52,469	\$45,143,019	52,992	\$52,873,522		
March	53,011	\$45,187,329	53,723	\$50,436,237		
April	53,589	\$45,657,021	54,718	\$51,858,219		
May	54,438	\$46,938,993	55,845	\$53,682,044		
June	54,866	\$46,277,016	56,504	\$53,106,848		
July	55,051	\$33,628,651	56,921	\$40,324,128		
August	55,137	\$96,958	58,035	\$7,945,038		
Total	55,137	\$484,946,367	58,035	\$544,204,539		

*Tuition fees were reimbursed on a monthly basis. Applicants would receive reimbursement in one lump sum for fees they have paid if their applications were approved after the school term began.

^ Upon receipt of applications with complete information, the Student Financial Assistance Agency will complete the processing within two months. The Agency was able to process all applications with complete information in accordance with the performance pledge.

Harmonisation of the pre-primary education takes effect from September 2005. Extra time and efforts were spent to process applications. We therefore witnessed a slight delay in the processing of applications. However, the Student Financial Assistance Agency has picked up in the latter half of the 2005/06 and 2006/07 school year.