	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
No. of applications		Around	Around	Around	Around	Around
		25 000	23 000	19 000	21 000	15 000
No. of candidates		Around	Around	Around	Around	Around
invited for the Joint		21 000	20 000	16 000	18 000	13 000
Recruitment						
Examination						
(JRE) Note 1						
No. of candidates	Note 3	Around	Around	Around	Around	Around 2 000
invited for		1 600	1 700	1 800	2 000	
interviews Note 2						
No. of offers made		Around	Around	Around	Around	Recruitment
		420	430	230	260	in progress
No. of candidates		Around	Around	Around	Around	
who declined the		80	110	30	40	
offer						

Note 1: Since only those who have obtained the required results of Common Recruitment Examination would be invited to JRE, the number of candidates of such would be less than the number of applications.

Note 2: There was only one round of selection interview for EOII.

Note 3: As spelt out in the General Notes in the application form for the 2016/17 recruitment exercise, personal data of an unsuccessful applicant would normally be destroyed 24 months after the applicant's application was confirmed unsuccessful. As such, the information of 2016/17 EOII recruitment exercise is no longer available.

(B) The information about the number of **Executive Officers II (EOsII)** leaving the service due to resignation from 2016 to 2021 is provided below -

Calendar Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of EOsII leaving	23	28	25	39	33#	80
the civil service due to						
resignation						

[#] Excluding one officer who resigned from the service while on trial in another grade.