Complaints statistics concerning Lehman-related investment products (Up to 27 May 2009)

	No. of complaints received	Stage 1 & 2 Registration and	Stage 3 Preliminary assessment							Stage 5 Actions following detailed investigation Cases with Cases under Disciplinary		
		establishment of allegations completed ¹		prima facie evidence	further information ³	investigation	comple	•	investigation in progress ⁶		disciplinary consideration	action taken
Products arranged / issued by Lehman Brothers		16,657	16,622	656	10,614	1,457	3,895	433	3,331	150	417	-
- Minibonds		13,954	13,921	540	8,964	1,371	3,046	343	2,916	115	15	-
- Others		2,703	2,701	116	1,650	86	849	90	415	35	402	-
Products referenced to Lehman Brothers		4,047	4,036	201	2,705	207	923	24	866	47	10	-
Product type to be confirmed		217	213	41	172	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
Total:	21,045	20,921	20,871	898	13,491	1,664	4,818	457	4,197	197	427	-
			(a)= (b)+(c)+(d)+(e)		(c)	(d)	(e)= (f)+(g)+(h)+(i)		(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

(For details on the various stages under the enforcement process, please refer to the flowchart at http://www.info.gov.hk/hkma/eng/new/lehman/enforcement process.pdf)

Note

- ¹ The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) formally registers each complaint and writes to each complainant to confirm receipt of his/her complaint, assigns a complaint number to facilitate subsequent communication and makes follow-up contact with each complainant (mainly by phone) to obtain or clarify details of allegations.
- ² The HKMA reviews and decides for each case (a) whether there is a lack of prima facie evidence for investigation, (b) whether further information should be sought or (c) whether there is prima facie evidence to open a case for investigation.
- ³ These are cases where additional information is being obtained from the complainant and the registered institution to facilitate the HKMA's consideration of whether to open a case for investigation. There are 3,609 cases in which it has, so far, proved impossible to obtain one or more types of necessary information from the complainants.
- ⁴ These are cases considered to have sufficient grounds for opening cases for investigation. The relevant registered institution will be required to provide, where necessary, additional information to facilitate investigation.
- ⁵ These are cases where the HKMA has decided, after a preliminary investigation, that there is prima facie evidence to support a referral to the Securities and Futures Commission for consideration of whether there has been a failure at the bank level. The HKMA will continue its investigation into these cases to establish if there has been a failure by the relevant individuals concerned.
- ⁶ These are cases which have gone through preliminary investigation but further information from the complainant and the registered institution is considered necessary to enable the HKMA to take the matter further.
- ⁷ These are closed cases where the HKMA's investigation has not found sufficient evidence or grounds to proceed with the relevant individuals concerned. However, investigations at the bank level, if any, will continue. These also include cases where investigations are unable to proceed further because the complainants have declined to provide further information to the HKMA. Investigation into these cases may be re-opened if more information is received.