

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

One of the matters requiring special attention in 2007-08 under this programme is the continuation of the streamlining of the food business licensing regime. Please advise on the details of the work involved and the proposals for improvement.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

In 2007-08, this Department will work under the "Be the Smart Regulator" Action Plan jointly prepared by the Economic Analysis and Business Facilitation Unit under the Financial Secretary's Office and the Efficiency Unit under the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office to : review the licensing guides; collect comments from the trades on existing licensing operations; review the existing licensing operations; and establish performance pledges for major licensing activities. This Department will also take steps to implement the recommendations of the "Study on the Business-Friendliness of the Regulatory Regime for Outside Seating Accommodation of Restaurants". We will also continue to work on the proposed composite licence to cover the sale of various types of ready-to-eat food for consumption off the premises.

Signature _____

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Date _____ **15.3.2007** _____