

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

At present, how many licences in respect of private swimming pools have been issued by the Department? What is the frequency of inspections conducted by the Department to each of these private swimming pools on average? How many cases of irregularities concerning water quality, number of lifeguards and other issues were found in private swimming pools and how many prosecutions were instituted over the past three years (i.e. from 2007 to 2009)?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

As at 31.12.2009, the number of private swimming pool licences issued by the Department was 1 036.

Private swimming pools are inspected monthly from April to October or during such other periods as the pools remain open for use. Between 2007 and 2009, there were three cases of unsatisfactory water quality, one case of inadequate provision of lifeguards and three cases of effecting alteration of premises without permission in private swimming pools. The Department took out six prosecutions and issued one warning letter.

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