

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

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Question:

Please advise on the number of users of the on-line Application Tracking Facility in 2009 and details of improvement to the Facility.

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

The on-line Application Facility System (AFT) was developed to enable applicants for food business-related licences to monitor on-line the progress of their applications. In 2009, nearly 3 700 applications for food business-related licences were covered by the ATF, and some 2 200 applicants or their authorized persons made use of it.

We will continue to promote the awareness and usage of the ATF among existing and prospective food business operators through regular seminars on restaurant licensing organized by the Department using existing resources. The ATF will be extended to cover liquor licence applications in the second half of 2010.

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Director of

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Date _____

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