

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

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of applications by restaurant licensees for outside seating accommodation and the average time taken for processing the applications in 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. Please also list the respective number of applications rejected, appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	2007	2008	2009
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	67	71	88
Average time taken for processing an application	15 months	16 months	11 months
Number of applications approved	28	7	23
Number of applications rejected	28	19	31
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	11	45	34
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

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Director of  
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