

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

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Question:

What is the number of appeal cases against the suspension of food business licences in 2009, and how many cases were allowed? Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what is the average period of suspension? What is the longest and shortest period of licence suspension?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2009, there were 22 appeals against food business licence suspension; 16 were heard and six are pending hearing. Of the cases heard, the Licensing Appeals Board shortened the suspension period in three and upheld the suspension decision in 13. The average suspension period after appeal was eight days. The longest period was 14 days and the shortest was three.

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