

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

What is the usage rate of the on-line Application Tracking Facility (ATF) in 2008 and 2009 respectively? What is the financial provision earmarked for system improvement? Will additional resources be provided in the future to extend the ATF to other licence and endorsement applications?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The on-line Application Tracking Facility System (AFT) was developed to enable applicants for food business-related licences to monitor on-line the progress of their applications. In 2008 and 2009, 49% and 59% of the applicants or their authorised persons have made use of it respectively.

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.

Signature _____

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