

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and appeals lodged, the average time taken for processing the applications and listing the appeals for hearing, as well as the success rate of appeals in 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	2007	2008	2009
Number of applications for liquor licence (including club liquor licence)	854	856	874
Average time taken for processing an application	43 days	41 days	38 days
Number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	13	7	14
Average time taken for listing an appeal for hearing	72 days	85 days	67 days
Success rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB)	23%	14%	50%

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Director of
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Date _____

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