

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

Please advise on the number of liquor licence applications received and appeals lodged, the average time taken for processing an application and listing an appeal for hearing, the success rate of appeals, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved in handling these applications and appeals in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows -

Year	2008	2009	2010
Number of applications for liquor licence (including club liquor licence)	856	874	956
Average time taken for processing an application	41 days	38 days	37 days
Number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	7	14	13
Average time taken for listing an appeal for hearing	85 days	67 days	41 days
Success rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB)	14%	50%	23%

In the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, there are 39 staff, including contract staff, in three licensing offices handling liquor and club liquor licence applications and appeals as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved in the handling of liquor licence applications and appeals.

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