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Question:

Please advise on the average time taken for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application, and the manpower and expenditure involved in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 168 working days in both 2008 and 2009, and 166 working days in 2010, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 45 working days in 2008, and 42 working days in both 2009 and 2010. Restaurant licence applications are handled by a total of 115 staff in three licensing offices as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved in handling restaurant licence applications.

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