

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

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

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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of applications by restaurant licensees for outside seating accommodation and the average time taken for processing an application in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively. Please also list the respective number of applications rejected, appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	2008	2009	2010
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	71	88	73
Average time taken for processing an application	16 months	11 months	17 months*
Number of applications approved	7	23	32
Number of applications rejected	19	31	17
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	45	34	18
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

(*Note: Time for processing an application for approval of outside seating accommodation depends on the time spent by the applicant in complying with relevant licensing requirements and settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and relevant land issues, if any, which varies from case to case.)

Signature _____

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