

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

What is the number of appeal cases against the suspension of food business licences in 2010, and how many cases were allowed? Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what is the average period of suspension? What is the longest and shortest period of licence suspension?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2010, there were 19 appeal cases against food business licence suspension, of which 17 cases were heard and two withdrawn. Of the cases heard, the Licensing Appeals Board shortened the suspension period in two cases, upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in 11 and has yet to rule on the remaining four cases. The average suspension period after appeal was eight days. The longest period was 14 days and the shortest was four.

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