

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

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Question:

Please advise on the improvement to be made to the on-line Application Tracking Facility (ATF) for licence applicants to monitor the progress of their applications in 2011-12. Please provide details on the estimated expenditure and manpower required, the estimated usage rate of the enhanced ATF, the schedule of implementation, etc.

In addition, please advise on the usage rate of the ATF in respect of food business-related licences in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2008 to 2010).

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

We are considering extending the ATF in 2011-12 to other trade licences and resources, if required, will be sought according to established mechanism.

In 2008, 2009 and 2010, 49%, 59% and 58% respectively of the applicants for food business-related licences / their authorised persons made use of the on-line ATF system to monitor the progress of their applications. The on-line ATF for liquor and club liquor licence applications was rolled out on 1 August 2010 and 31% of the applicants or their authorised persons made use of the system up to end-December 2010.

We will also continue to use existing resources to promote the awareness and usage of the ATF within the sector through regular seminars organised by the Department.

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