

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

What is the usage rate of the online licence services for applications for liquor licences since the introduction of the Liquor Licence Processing System on 1 August 2010? Please advise on the expenditure involved in the development and operation of the System. Will additional resources be provided in the future to extend the online licence application services to food business licence and other relevant endorsement applications?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

From 1.8.2010 to 31.12.2010, 52 online applications for liquor and club liquor licences were made through the Liquor Licence Processing System. The non-recurrent expenditure involved in the development of the System is about \$7.7 million and the estimated recurrent cost incurred for the operation of the System is \$1.4 million per annum.

We are developing a platform for online application for food business licences and other relevant endorsements. Resources, if required, will be sought according to established mechanism.

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