

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

With regard to private swimming pools, please advise on:

- (a) the number of new private swimming pool licences and the total number of private swimming pool licences issued over the past three years (i.e. from 2008 to 2010); and
- (b) the frequency of inspections conducted to each of these private swimming pools on average, the number of cases of irregularities concerning water quality, number of lifeguards and other issues found in private swimming pools as well as the number of prosecutions instituted over the past three years (i.e. from 2008 to 2010).

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

- (a) In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the number of private swimming pools licences newly issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) was 26, 40 and 33 respectively. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, the total number of private swimming pool licences issued was 1 000, 1 036 and 1 065 respectively.
- (b) Private swimming pools are inspected monthly from April to October or during such other periods as the pools remain open for use. Between 2008 and 2010, there were two cases of unsatisfactory water quality, one case of inadequate provision of lifeguards and three cases of effecting alteration of premises without permission. The Department took out five prosecutions and issued one warning letter.

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