

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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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 2009, 2010 and 2011 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 Please also list the respective number of applications rejected, appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years.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	2009	2010	2011
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	88	73	76
Average time taken for processing an application ^{Note}	11 months	17 months	14 months
Number of applications approved	23	32	23
Number of applications rejected	31	17	19
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	34	18	41
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

(Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any, which varies from case to case.)

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ **Clement LEUNG** _____

Post Title _____ **Director of
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Date _____ **29.2.2012** _____

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