

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively. Please also advise on the manpower and expenditure required for processing these applications.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, there were 569, 639 and 795 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 749^{Note}, 520 and 629. Applications for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants are handled by the three licensing offices and 19 district environmental hygiene offices as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved in handling such applications.

(Note: Alteration applications received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in subsequent year(s). The fact that more approval cases were recorded for 2009 than the applications received in the same year is because the number of applications approved in 2009 included the number of applications received in and before 2009.)

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