

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

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Question:

Please advise on the number of appeal cases against food business licence suspension in 2011, and the number of cases allowed. Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what was the average, longest and shortest period of suspension?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2011, there were 35 appeal cases against food business licence suspension, of which 30 cases were heard, three withdrawn and two cases are pending hearing. Of the cases heard, the licence of eight cases were suspended by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) for 14 days and 22 cases for seven days. The Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) upheld the Department's suspension decision in 20 cases, shortened the suspension period in five cases, and has yet to rule on the remaining five cases. For the 25 cases with ruling made by LIAB, the average suspension period after appeal was eight days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest three.

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