

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

Please advise on the usage rate of the on-line Licence Application Tracking Facility (ATF) in respect of food business licences in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2009 to 2011), and the usage rate of the on-line licence services for applications for liquor licences since the introduction of the Liquor Licence Processing System on 1 August 2010.

Please also advise on the estimated system development and operation costs required for extending the on-line licence application services to food business licence or other relevant endorsement applications, and the time frame for extending the services.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2009, 2010 and 2011, 59%, 58% and 51% respectively of the applicants for food business-related licences / their authorised persons made use of the on-line Application Tracking Facility (ATF) system to monitor the progress of their applications. In 2010 and 2011, 31% and 30% respectively of liquor and club liquor licence applicants or their authorised persons made use of on-line services on the Liquor Licence Processing System. We are in the process of extending the on-line licence application services to food business licences, which will be rolled out in early 2013 tentatively. The system development work is taken up by the in-house IT Division of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. There is no breakdown on the expenditure involved.

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