

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

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Head: 49 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department      Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the expenditure and manpower involved in handling the work of the Liquor Licensing Board in 2012-13;
- (b) the number of existing liquor licences in the territory, the location of liquor-licensed premises and the types of premises (residential, commercial or composite commercial / residential buildings) in which they are located; and
- (c) the total number of liquor licence applications received in the past three years; among them, the number of applications granted and refused, the number of appeals lodged and the success rate of appeals.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

- (a) In the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, there are 35 staff, including contract staff, in three licensing offices handling liquor and club liquor licence applications and appeals as part of their licensing-related duties. Besides, four staff are deployed for providing secretariat service to the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB). There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved in the handling of liquor licence applications and appeals.

- (b) The numbers of existing liquor licences in the territory by districts are provided in the table below. There is no separate breakdown on the types of buildings in which the licensed premises are located.

District	No. of Liquor Licences (as at end-2011)		Total
	Liquor Licences	Club Liquor Licences	
Central and Western	662	82	744
Wanchai	776	131	907
Eastern	308	15	323
Southern	110	26	136
Islands	201	18	219
Yau Tsim Mong	1 411	110	1 521
Sham Shui Po	190	9	199
Kowloon City	320	22	342
Wong Tai Sin	129	2	131
Kwun Tong	208	10	218
Kwai Tsing	96	3	99
Tsuen Wan	190	13	203
Tuen Mun	143	7	150
Yuen Long	189	11	200
North	76	7	83
Tai Po	105	4	109
Shatin	186	10	196
Sai Kung	168	8	176
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 468</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>5 956</b>

(c) Statistics on the applications for liquor licence are provided as follows –

Year	2009	2010	2011
Number of applications for issue of new liquor licence (including club liquor licence)	874	956	930
Number of liquor licences (including club liquor licences) approved by LLB <sup>Note</sup>	793	918	812
Number of applications refused by LLB <sup>Note</sup>	16	17	23
Number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	14	13	14
Success rate of appeals (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB)	50%	23%	38%

(Note: Applications for liquor licence received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.)

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