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Question:

Please advise on the average time for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2010, 2011 and 2012, the average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 166, 167 and 166 working days respectively, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 42, 57 and 58^{Note} working days respectively.

(Note : Since 2011, the Buildings Department has implemented a Minor Works Control System in food business licence applications whereby applicants are required to submit copies of minor works certificates to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department before provisional restaurant licences are issued. The additional requirement has resulted in longer processing time.)

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