

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Please set out in tabular form the number of applications by restaurant licensees for outside seating accommodation and the average time for processing an application in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively. Please also list the respective number of applications rejected, appeals lodged and applications withdrawn in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Year	2010	2011	2012
Number of applications for outside seating accommodation	73	76	104
Average time taken for processing an application ^{Note}	17 months	14 months	10 months
Number of applications approved	32	23	17
Number of applications rejected	17	19	13
Number of applications withdrawn/abandoned	18	41	68
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0

(Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any, which varies from case to case.)

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