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Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively. Please also set out in tabular form the respective average time for processing these applications in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2010, 2011 and 2012, there were 639, 795 and 659 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 520, 629 and 477. Some applications received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in subsequent year(s).

We do not keep statistics on the processing time for these applications. The time required to process such applications depends on many factors, including the complexity of individual cases, the quality of the proposed layout plans submitted by licensees, the time required by the relevant departments to comment on applications, and the efforts made by licensees to comply with stipulated licensing requirements.

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