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Question (Member Question No. 5):

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively. Please also set out in tabular form the average processing time for these applications in each of the above three years.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, there were 795, 659 and 550 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 629, 477 and 435. 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.