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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>This question originates from:</u> Estimates on Expenditure Volume I Page 251 (if applicable)

Question (Member Question No. 6):

Please advise on the number of applications for transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application as well as the number of applications withdrawn in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, there were 618, 682 and 720 applications respectively for transfer of restaurant licences, of which five, two and five were subsequently withdrawn. The average time for processing the applications in 2011, 2012 and 2013 was 41, 46 and 43 working days respectively.