

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 8):

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2013? How many cases were allowed? Of the appeal cases against licence suspension, what was the average, longest and shortest period of suspension?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2013, there were 40 appeal cases against food business licence suspension, of which 35 cases were heard and five withdrawn. Of the cases heard, there were 18 cases in which the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) suspended the licence for seven days and 17 cases where the suspension was for 14 days. The Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) upheld the Department's suspension decision in 12 cases, shortened the suspension period in 22 cases, and has yet to rule on the remaining case. For these 34 cases with ruling made by LIAB, the average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was eight days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest two.