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Question (Member Question No. 8):

Please provide information on the following:

- (a) the existing manpower for providing support to the Liquor Licensing Board and the total operating expenses to be incurred in 2014-15; and
- (b) the number of new and renewed liquor licences issued in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively, with a breakdown by 18 administrative districts.

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Reply:

- (a) In the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, 37 staff (including contract staff) in three licensing offices are responsible for handling liquor and club liquor licence applications as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved in the handling of liquor licence applications and appeals. Besides, nine staff (including contract staff) are deployed for providing secretariat service to the Liquor Licensing Board as their main duties. The estimated expenditure involved in manning the LLB Secretariat in 2014-15 is \$5.3 million.
- (b) The information sought is given below -

Year	2011	2012	2013
Number of new liquor licences issued	812	907	919
Number of renewed liquor licences issued	5 583	5 874	5 888

The breakdown by district (as at end-2013) is shown in the table below. There is no separate breakdown on whether the liquor licences are newly issued or renewed.

District	No. of Liquor Licences (as at end-2013)		Total
	Liquor Licences	Club Liquor Licences	
Central and Western	763	75	838
Eastern	346	15	361

Southern	120	25	145
Wanchai	846	118	964
Islands	216	19	235
Yau Tsim Mong	1 498	97	1 595
Sham Shui Po	219	9	228
Kowloon City	337	20	357
Wong Tai Sin	144	3	147
Kwun Tong	242	10	252
Tsuen Wan	192	10	202
Kwai Tsing	101	3	104
North	80	7	87
Tai Po	123	3	126
Sai Kung	176	6	182
Shatin	200	12	212
Tuen Mun	154	5	159
Yuen Long	218	12	230
Total	5 975	449	6 424