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Question:

Please advise on the average time for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application in 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, the average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 166, 165 and 168 working days respectively, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 58, 59 and 61 working days respectively.

(Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.)