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Question:

Please advise on the number of applications for revision of layout plans submitted by restaurant licensees and the number of applications approved in 2012, 2013 and 2014 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 (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, there were 659, 550 and 629 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 477, 435 and 455. Some applications received in one year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

We do not keep separate 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 the licensees, the time required by the relevant departments to comment on the applications, and the efforts made by licensees to comply with stipulated licensing requirements.

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