

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2014? How many cases were allowed? As regards the appeal cases against licence suspension, please advise on the average, longest and shortest length of suspension.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 8)

Reply:

In 2014, there were eight appeals against the suspension of food business licence. One of them was subsequently withdrawn. Of the seven cases heard, the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB) upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in four cases and shortened the suspension period in the other three cases. The average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was seven days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest three.

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