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Question:

Please advise on the average time for processing a restaurant licence application and a provisional restaurant licence application in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

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

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence was 165, 168 and 170 working days respectively, while that for issuing a provisional restaurant licence was 59, 61 and 63 working days respectively.

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.

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