

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please set out the number of applications received for permits for online sale of restricted foods, and the average time for processing an application, since 22 February 2016. Please also list the number of applications rejected (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection), appeals lodged and applications withdrawn. Besides, please advise on the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. 21)

Reply:

Since the launch of the permit regime for online sale of restricted foods on 22 February 2016 and up to 31 December 2016, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department received a total of 284 applications for those permits. 151 permits were issued. 58 applications were then being processed. 75 applications required no further processing due to withdrawal by the applicants or other factors (such as the business under application did not involve the sale of restricted foods, or the premises concerned were covered by a relevant licence). None of the applications was rejected. The average time for processing the applications was 55 days. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in processing the applications for permits for online sale of restricted food.

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