

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)121****(Question Serial No. 0012)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of processed applications for restaurant licences, provisional restaurant licences and transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application, as well as the number of applications withdrawn in 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively. Please also advise on the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past three years (i.e. 2015, 2016 and 2017) and the estimated expenditure and manpower required for 2018.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 6)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

		2015	2016	2017
(a)	No. of full restaurant licences issued	1 502	1 488	1 448
	No. of applications withdrawn	192	171	165
	Average processing time (working days)	170	172	171
(b)	No. of provisional restaurant licences issued	1 637	1 507	1 695
	No. of applications withdrawn	192	170	161
	Average processing time (working days)	63	49	50
(c)	No. of applications for transfer of restaurant licence	864	808	1 198
	No. of applications withdrawn	2	5	5
	Average processing time (working days)	42	42	39

There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the handling of applications for full restaurant licence, provisional restaurant licence and transfer of restaurant licence.

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