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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 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively. Please also set out in tabular form the average, longest and shortest time taken for processing an application in each of the above three years.

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

Reply:

In 2015, 2016 and 2017, there were 569, 466 and 441 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. The corresponding number of approvals was 399, 363 and 318 respectively. Processing of some applications received in a year may not be completed in the same year. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department does not keep separate statistics on the average, longest and shortest time taken for processing an application for alteration to the approved layout.