

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

How many appeal cases against food business licence suspension were there in 2017? 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. (LegCo use): 12)

Reply:

In 2017, there were 11 appeals against the suspension of food business licence. One of them was subsequently withdrawn and 2 other cases have yet to be determined by the Licensing Appeals Board (LIAB). Of the 8 cases heard, LIAB upheld the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's suspension decision in 2 cases and shortened the suspension period in the other 6 cases. The average suspension period, as determined by LIAB, was 6 days, with the longest period being 14 days and the shortest, 3.

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