

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)136****(Question Serial No. 0027)**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and Health

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, every 12 months from 22 February 2016 to 21 February 2018. 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list the number of applications rejected (with a breakdown by reasons for rejection), appeals lodged and applications withdrawn.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. (LegCo use): 21)

Reply:

Statistics related to online restricted food permit are as follows –

	2016¹	2017
Number of applications received	284	189
Average time for processing an application	55 days	61 days
Number of permits issued	151	146
Number of applications which required no further processing ²	75	32
Number of applications rejected	0	0
Number of appeals lodged	0	0

¹ The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department started receiving applications on 22 February 2016.

² 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.

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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