

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

1. Please advise on the actual and estimated number of staff of the Liquor Licensing Board, as well as the actual, revised and estimated expenditure of the Board in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
2. Please also advise on the actual and estimated number of the newly issued and renewed liquor licences in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Asked by: Hon HUI Chi-fung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 8)

Reply:

1. A total of 40 staff in the 3 licensing offices in the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are responsible for handling liquor and club liquor licence applications as part of their licensing-related duties. There is no separate breakdown on the expenditure involved in handling liquor licence applications. In addition, 9 staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB). The aforesaid staff establishment has been maintained since 2015. The actual/revised/estimated expenditure involved in manning the LLB Secretariat in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is \$6.8 million, \$6.4 million and \$6.4 million respectively.
2. In 2016 and 2017, the total numbers of liquor licences granted, including newly issued and renewed licences, are 6 331 and 6 349 respectively. In 2018, the estimated number of liquor licences expected to be granted is 6 500.

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