

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)111****(Question Serial No. 0031)**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transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application, as well as the number of applications withdrawn in 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively. Please also advise on the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2016, 2017 and 2018) and the estimated expenditure and manpower required for 2019.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

		2016	2017	2018
(a)	No. of full restaurant licences issued	1 488	1 448	1 651
	No. of applications withdrawn	171	165	184
	Average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence (working days)	172	171	170
(b)	No. of provisional restaurant licences issued	1 507	1 695	1 551
	No. of applications withdrawn	170	161	180
	Average processing time for issuing a provisional restaurant licence (working days)	49	50	50
(c)	No. of applications for transfer of restaurant licences	808	1 198	1 142
	No. of applications withdrawn	5	5	1
	Average time for processing the applications for transfer (working days)	42	39	44

Under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, 114 staff in 3 licensing offices are responsible for handling applications for food business and other trade licences, etc. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in the handling of applications for full restaurant licences, provisional restaurant licences and transfer of restaurant licences.

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