

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

1. Please set out the actual, revised and estimated number of applications for renewal and new issue of liquor licence processed in each of the years from 2018 to 2020.
2. Please set out the actual, revised and estimated expenditure of the Liquor Licensing Board in each of the years from 2018 to 2020.
3. Please set out the staff establishment of the Liquor Licensing Board in each of the years from 2018 to 2020.

Asked by: Hon HUI Chi-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

1. The actual number of applications for renewal and new issue of liquor licences processed in 2018 is 6 170. The estimated number of the same is 6 200 for both 2019 and 2020.
2. The actual/revised/estimated expenditure involved in manning the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) Secretariat in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 is \$6.4 million, \$6.5 million and \$6.7 million respectively.
3. In 2018-19, 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. In addition, 9 staff are deployed for providing secretariat support to the LLB. The staff establishment was the same for 2017-18 and will remain so for 2019-20.

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