

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the issue of licences for food premises, please set out in the following table (with a breakdown by the type of licence) the number of applications received, the total number of licences issued, the average time taken for processing an application and the expenditure involved in the past 3 years (i.e. 2016- 2018):

Type of licence		Number of applications	Number of licences issued	Average time taken for processing an application	Expenditure involved
Restaurant Licences	General Restaurant Licence				
	Light Refreshment Restaurant Licence				
Bakery Licence					
Cold Store Licence					
Factory Canteen Licence					
Food Factory Licence					
Temporary Food Factory Licence					
Fresh Provision Shop Licence					
Frozen Confection Factory Licence					
Milk Factory Licence					
Siu Mei and Lo Mei Shop Licence					
Composite Food Shop Licence					

Restricted Food Permit					
Karaoke Establishment Permit					
Other Trade Licences	Commercial Bathhouse Licence				
	Funeral Parlour Licence				
	Offensive Trade Licence				
	Swimming Pool Licence				
	Undertaker's Licence				
Places of Public Entertainment Licence					
Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence					
Liquor Licence					
Club Liquor Licence					

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (LegCo internal reference no.: 49)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows –

Type of licence		Year	Number of applications	Number of licences issued (Note 1)	Average time taken for processing an application (working days) (Note 2)	Expenditure involved
Restaurant Licences	General Restaurant Licence	2016	1 367	1 098	175	There is no separate breakdown of the expenditure incurred.
		2017	1 450	1 048	170	
		2018	1 283	1 195	170	
	Light Refreshment Restaurant Licence	2016	572	390	164	
		2017	607	400	178	
		2018	566	456	170	
Bakery Licence		2016	28	20	158	
		2017	39	20	153	
		2018	48	29	166	
Cold Store Licence		2016	14	6	192	
		2017	16	6	123	
		2018	8	5	118	
Factory Canteen Licence		2016	69	11	230	
		2017	60	23	195	
		2018	37	20	247	

Food Factory Licence		2016	1 554	891	152	Expenditure involved	
		2017	1 598	1 036	163		
		2018	1 809	1 135	158		
Type of licence	Year	Number of applications	Number of licences issued (Note 1)	Average time taken for processing an application (working days) (Note 2)			
Temporary Food Factory Licence	2016	1 925	2 998	24			
	2017	2 343	1 624	23			
	2018	2 689	2 183	22			
Fresh Provision Shop Licence	2016	393	234	133			
	2017	423	277	139			
	2018	553	297	160			
Frozen Confection Factory Licence	2016	58	58	154			
	2017	80	55	146			
	2018	122	64	142			
Milk Factory Licence	2016	0	0	0			
	2017	0	0	0			
	2018	1	0	0			
Siu Mei and Lo Mei Shop Licence	2016	76	32	123			
	2017	70	58	152			
	2018	71	53	175			
Composite Food Shop Licence	2016	0	1	185			
	2017	2	2	231			
	2018	0	0	0			
Restricted Food Permit	2016	1 190	909	56			
	2017	1 356	1 015	52			
	2018	1 574	1 145	49			
Karaoke Establishment Permit	2016	18	3	255			
	2017	9	4	281			
	2018	12	3	249			
Other Trade Licences	Commercial Bathhouse Licence	2016	2	2	206		
		2017	4	1	171		
		2018	1	0	0		
	Funeral Parlour Licence	2016	5*	0	N.A.		
		2017	0	0	0		
		2018	0	0	0		
	Offensive Trade Licence	2016	4*	0	N.A.		
		2017	1*	0	N.A.		
		2018	0	0	0		
	Swimming Pool Licence	2016	58	31	210		
		2017	48	44	133		
		2018	43	37	196		
Undertaker's Licence	2016	13	8	102			
	2017	12	4	151			
	2018	13	5	118			
Places of Public Entertainment Licence	2016	19	12	99			
	2017	63	12	113			
	2018	126	27	138			
Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence	2016	1 782	1 532	37			
	2017	2 212	1 914	38			

	2018	2 468	2 137	38	
Liquor Licence	2016	1 016	1 047	41	
	2017	1 159	1 199	36	
	2018	1 116	1 170	34	
Type of licence	Year	Number of applications	Number of licences issued (Note 1)	Average time taken for processing an application (working days) (Note 2)	Expenditure involved
Club Liquor Licence	2016	16	8	43	
	2017	22	20	34	
	2018	15	19	34	

* Applications required no further processing due to withdrawal by the applicants or other factors.

Note 1: Applications for licence received in a year may be carried forward with the processing completed in the subsequent year.

Note 2: It refers to the average time from receipt of an application to issue of a full licence. The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time spent by the applicant in complying with the relevant licensing requirements; settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned; and addressing relevant land issues, if any. It varies from case to case.

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