CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related Services

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Miss Vivian LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Food and Health

Question:

1. Please advise on the actual, revised and estimated expenditure of the Liquor Licensing Board in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21.

2. Please also advise on the changes in the staff establishment of the Liquor Licensing Board in each of the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon HUI Chi-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

- 1. The actual/revised/estimated expenditure involved in manning the Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) Secretariat in 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is \$6.84 million, \$6.70 million and \$6.90 million respectively.
- 2. A total of 40 staff in the 3 licensing offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are responsible for handling liquor and club liquor licence applications. They also carry out work related to other licences. In addition, 9 staff are deployed for providing secretariat support for the LLB. There were no changes in the staff establishment of the LLB in the past 3 years.