

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

With regard to liquor licence, please provide the following information in tabular form:

1. the figures related to liquor licence applications in the past 5 years;

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of applications received					
Number of applications granted					
Number of applications refused					
Number of appeals lodged with the Municipal Services Appeals Board					
Number of appeals allowed					

2. the number of liquor licences revoked in the past 5 years (with a breakdown by reasons for revocation).

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 602)

Reply:

1. The figures related to liquor licence applications in the past 5 calendar years are as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of applications received	8 936	6 520	6 324	6 865	7 565
Number of applications granted	8 646	6 987	7 081	7 239	7 961
Number of applications refused	40	34	41	22	26
Number of appeals lodged with the Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	28	22	25	11	15
Number of appeals allowed ¹	10	13	12	8	5

¹ Only cases with MSAB's decision issued before the end of a year are taken into account for calculating the number of appeals allowed in that year.

2. The numbers of liquor licences revoked in the past 5 calendar years with a breakdown by reason are provided as follows:

Reasons for revocation of liquor licences	Number of liquor licences revoked				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Cessation of business	15	7	20	12	14
Breach of licensing condition	0	0	0	1	2
Contravention of legislation	1	0	1	4	1
Total	16	7	21	17	17

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