

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)351****(Question Serial No. 5151)**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:

With regard to the operation of outside seating accommodation (OSA) in Hong Kong, please set out in the table below the number of OSA applications for restaurants received and the average time for processing an application, etc. in the past 3 years:

	2017	2018	2019
Number of OSA applications			
Average time for processing an application			
Number of applications approved			
Number of applications rejected			
Number of applications withdrawn/ abandoned			
Number of appeals lodged			
Number of successful appeals			

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 606)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Number of OSA applications	92	100	91
Average time for processing an application <sup>Note</sup>	15 months	14 months	14 months
Number of applications approved	31	31	36

Number of applications rejected	4	3	3
Number of applications withdrawn/ abandoned	62	75	55
Number of appeals lodged	0	0	0
Number of successful appeals	0	0	0

Note: The processing time for an application is contingent upon the time needed for complying with the relevant licensing requirements by the applicant, settling objections raised by the public or other departments concerned, and addressing relevant land issues, if any.

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