

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**FHB(FE)102****(Question Serial No. 1049)**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 Diane WONG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Food and HealthQuestion:

Please advise on the number of processed applications for restaurant licences, provisional restaurant licences and transfer of restaurant licences, the average time for processing an application, as well as the number of applications withdrawn in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively. Please also advise the expenditure and manpower involved in each of the past 3 years (i.e. 2018, 2019 and 2020) and the estimated expenditure and manpower required for 2021?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 1)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows :

		2018	2019	2020
(a)	Number of full restaurant licences issued	1 651	1 482	1 577
	Number of applications withdrawn	184	141	130
	Average processing time for issuing a full restaurant licence (working days)	170	170	167
(b)	Number of provisional restaurant licences issued	1 551	1 581	1 206
	Number of applications withdrawn	180	135	129
	Average processing time for issuing a provisional restaurant licence (working days)	50	48	54
(c)	Number of applications for transfer of restaurant licences	1 142	1 021	729
	Number of applications withdrawn	1	0	4
	Average time for processing an application for transfer of restaurant licence (working days)	44	46	39

In 2018, 2019 and 2020, there were respectively 114, 123 and 126 staff members responsible for handling applications for food business and other trade licences in the 3 licensing offices of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. There is no separate breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved in processing applications for full restaurant licences, provisional restaurant licences and transfer of restaurant licences.

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