

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****FHB(FE)103****(Question Serial No. 1066)**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 liquor licence applications received and appeals lodged, the average time taken for processing an application and listing an appeal for hearing, the success rate of appeal, as well as the number of liquor licences revoked (with a breakdown by reasons for revocation), in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 19)Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

	2018		2019		2020	
Total number of liquor licence applications received (with number of applications for new licences in brackets)	6 865 (1 131)		7 565 (1 066)		6 783 (942)	
Average time for processing an application for liquor licence	1-year licence	2-year licence	1-year licence	2-year licence	1-year licence	2-year licence
	34 days <sup>1</sup>	32 days	42 days <sup>1</sup>	41 days	43 days <sup>1</sup>	39 days
Number of appeals lodged with Municipal Services Appeals Board (MSAB)	11		15		7	
Average time for listing an appeal for hearing <sup>2</sup>	82 days		76 days		68 days	
Success rate of appeal (i.e. appeals allowed by MSAB) <sup>3</sup>	73%		57%		33%	

- 1 The majority of applications for 1-year liquor licence were contested cases and the  
processing time was therefore longer.
- 2 This is counted from the date of MSAB receiving the appeal application to the date  
of the case being heard.
- 3 Only cases with MSAB's decision issued before the end of a year are taken into  
account for calculating the success rate of appeal in that year.

The numbers of liquor licences revoked in 2018, 2019 and 2020 with a breakdown by reasons are provided as follows:

Reasons for revocation of liquor licences	Number of liquor licences revoked		
	2018	2019	2020
Cessation of business	12	14	14
Breach of licensing condition	1	2	0
Contravention of legislation	4	1	0
Total	17	17	14

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