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Question:

Regarding the revamp of the electronic licensing system of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, please provide the estimated one-off expenditure on the system and information technology, as well as the estimated annual savings in the Department's staffing expenditure achieved after implementation of the electronic licensing system.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 493)

Reply:

The one-off expenditure of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department on enhancing the application processing system for food business and other trade licences and liquor licences was \$16.92 million. Apart from processing applications in a more timely and effective manner, the enhanced system is also expected to reduce the Department's staffing expenditure by about \$3.25 million per annum.

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