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<u>Question</u>:

Please advise on the number of submissions of revised layout plans by restaurant licensees and the average time required for processing the submissions in 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

In 2006, 2007 and 2008, there were 567, 864 and 728 applications respectively for alteration to the approved layout of licensed restaurants. We do not keep statistics of the processing time for these applications. The time required to process such applications depends on many factors, including the complexity of individual cases, the quality of proposed layout plans (with alterations) submitted by the licensees, time required by relevant departments to comment on the applications, and efforts made by the licensees to comply with stipulated licensing requirements.

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