

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****EEB(F)080****(Question Serial No. 0165)**Head: (49) Food and Environmental Hygiene DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not specifiedProgramme: (2) Environmental Hygiene and Related ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene (Donald NG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Environment and EcologyQuestion:

Regarding the issue of restaurant, factory canteen and food premises licences in 2022, 2023 and 2024, please advise this Committee of: (1) the respective numbers of applications, with a breakdown by gross floor area of the premises (not exceeding 100 square metres, exceeding 100 square metres to 200 square metres, exceeding 200 square metres to 400 square metres, exceeding 400 square metres to 700 square metres, and exceeding 700 square metres); and (2) the average time taken for issuing a licence.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)Reply:

(1) The information sought is provided as follows:

<b>Type and number of new applications approved</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
(a)	Restaurant	1 638	1 260	1 199
(i)	General restaurant	1 232	918	793
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>450</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>249</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>372</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>265</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>292</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>204</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>78</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>55</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>40</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>20</i>
(ii)	Light refreshment restaurant	406	342	406
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>357</i>	<i>281</i>	<i>349</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>38</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>46</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>8</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>
(b)	Factory canteen	14	7	15
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>

Type and number of new applications approved		2022	2023	2024
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	7	4	9
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	4	1	2
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	1	2	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	1
(c)	Bakery	15	15	12
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	15	15	12
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
(d)	Cold store	12	13	8
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	1	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	1
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	3	2	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	1	1	1
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	8	9	6
(e)	Food factory	1 592	1 259	1 056
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	1 417	1 125	944
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	95	77	55
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	48	34	28
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	20	11	12
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	12	12	17
(f)	Frozen confection factory	32	33	65
	<i>Gross floor area not exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	30	33	64
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 100 m<sup>2</sup> to 200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	2	0	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 200 m<sup>2</sup> to 400 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 400 m<sup>2</sup> to 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	1
	<i>Gross floor area exceeding 700 m<sup>2</sup></i>	0	0	0
(g)	Fresh provision shop <sup>Note 1</sup>	487	358	230
(h)	Siu mei and lo mei shop <sup>Note 1</sup>	55	47	29
(i)	Temporary food factory <sup>Note 1</sup>	398	1 763	2 620
(j)	Marine restaurant	N.A. <sup>Note 2</sup>		
(k)	Milk factory	N.A. <sup>Note 2</sup>		
(l)	Composite food shop	N.A. <sup>Note 2</sup>		

Note 1: Fresh provision shop, siu mei and lo mei shop and temporary food factory licences are not classified by gross floor area.

Note 2: No applications for marine restaurant, milk factory and composite food shop licences were received in the past 3 years.

- (2) The processing time for an application is contingent upon the applicant's progress in complying with the relevant licensing requirements, and whether there is any amendment concerning the application (such as layout plans) during the application

process. It varies from case to case. The relevant information for the past 3 years is provided as follows:

Type of licence and number of applications	Median processing time for an approved new application (working days)		
	2022	2023	2024
General restaurant	195	191	189
Light refreshment restaurant	205	194	182
Bakery	203	204	190
Cold store	320	239	223
Factory canteen	383	304	404
Food factory	200	191	175
Temporary food factory	25	18	14
Fresh provision shop	187	174	159
Frozen confection factory	191	183	151
Siu mei and lo mei shop	204	206	180
Marine restaurant	N.A. <sup>Note 3</sup>		
Milk factory	N.A. <sup>Note 3</sup>		
Composite food shop	N.A. <sup>Note 3</sup>		

Note 3: No applications for marine restaurant, milk factory and composite food shop licences were received in the past 3 years.

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