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Question : Under the Application Vetting Panel system, the target of the Buildings Department is to advise on all restaurant licence applications within 14 days. However, in 2004, 2005 and 2006, the performances of the department could not meet the 100% target. What are the reasons for it?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

Concerning the target for “advising on restaurant licence applications under the Application Vetting Panel system within 14 days”, whilst we will endeavour to achieve the 100% target for providing advice on the licence applications, we have set our planned performance targets for 2004, 2005 and 2006 at 95% in view of actual experience.

For some cases, the handling time was longer than 14 days. It was mainly because we were unable to access the premises concerned for inspection or because further research into the building records was required for some complex cases. However, in all these cases, we were able to provide our licensing requirements to the applicants before the date of the Application Vetting Panel meetings arranged by the Licensing Authority. The longer handling period has not caused delay to the Application Vetting Panel in processing the applications.

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