

**Response to Members' enquiries in the Subcommittee meeting held on 13 December 2000**

**Dutiable Commodities (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000**

- (a) The unit cost for issue of a temporary liquor licence per day in 1995 when the fee was last revised was \$874. This unit cost would mean \$1,167 in today's prices after inflationary adjustment as compared to the current unit cost of \$1,633. The increase of unit cost is primarily due to the need to step up the vetting of the details of each application, including more thorough physical inspection of the intended venue. Having regard to the nature, scale and duration of the events, appropriate licensing conditions have to be imposed as necessary to ensure public safety and order in these events for which temporary liquor licences are issued. Hence, additional manpower has been deployed since 1995 for processing these licences, involving more rigorous vetting and also higher level Police officers.
- (b) the breakdown of the number of temporary liquor licences in terms of number of days issued from December 1999 to November 2000 are as follows –

<i>Number of day(s) in each licence</i>	<i>Number of licence(s) issued</i>	<i>Percentage of total number of licences issued</i>
1	28	46.66%
2	17	28.33%
3	4	6.67%
4	2	3.33%
5	4	6.67%
8	1	1.67%
9	2	3.33%
18	1	1.67%
77*	1	1.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* The 77-day temporary liquor licence was issued to an international circus performance held at Tamar Site, Admiralty from 24 January 2000 to 9 April 2000.

**Firearms and Ammunition (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2000**

(c) the breakdown of the number of applications for new issue and renewal of a dealer's licence under items 5 – 7 of Annex E-2 to the LegCo Brief for the period Jan – Nov 2000 is as follows –

<i>Dealer's licence</i>	<i>New issue</i>	<i>Renewal</i>
Restricted to a prescribed class or description of arms or ammunition or both	6	7
Restricted to used cartridge cases, used short, used bullets, used missiles or parts of any of those articles	0	2
In any other cases	1	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>

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