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Dear Legco Panel on Health Services,

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Many falsehoods are spoken about smoking bans. 'Bans are bad for business' say the tobacco side and its paid henchmen. Contrary to their deliberate lies, Hong Kong restaurant receipts went up from HK\$ 51 billion in pre ban 2005 to \$79 billion in post ban 2008 thus defeating all 'doom and gloom' forecasts issued by tobacco friendly parties and 2006 was the last year when smoking was allowed in restaurants. Clearly, the year on year issue of trade licences is a good barometer to measure how Hong Kong businesses are performing.

Data from the Census and Statistics department website is provided below:

Comparing pre smoking ban 2006 with post smoking ban April 2009 we find:

406 more liquor licensed premises than 2006

41 more club liquor licensed premises than 2006

288 more General restaurants than 2006

139 more Light refreshment restaurants than 2006

29 more Karaoke restaurants than 2006

Comparison of Hong Kong licensed premises open **pre smoking ban** and **post smoking ban**

	1997	2005	2006	2007	2008 Dec	2009 Apr
Liquor licensed	3589	4742	4604	4842	4995	5010
Club liquor licensed	335	466	442	461	499	483
General restaurants	6219	7647	7643	7694	7845	7931
Light Refreshment restaurant	1799	2828	2843	2870	2957	2982
Karaoke restaurant		25	50	64	77	79

Source: Table 19.3

http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/products_and_services/products/publications/statistical_report/general_statistical_digest/index_cd_B1010003_dt_latest.jsp

Source 2009 Table 10.10

http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/products_and_services/products/publications/statistical_report/general_statistical_digest/index_cd_B1010002_dt_latest.jsp

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Yours sincerely,

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10.10 (續) 按類別劃分的有效市政牌照及許可證
(cont'd) Municipal Services Licences and Permits in Force by Type

年 月		牌照 -- 續							牌照
As at end of		Licences -- cont'd							總計
Year	Month	商業浴室	屠房	殯儀館	殯葬商	厭惡性行業	泳池	酒牌	
		Commercial bathhouse	Slaughterhouse	Funeral parlour	Undertaker of burial	Offensive trade	Swimming pool	Liquor	
		其他行業							
		Other business							
2006		99	3	7	95	12	948	4 604	
2007		95	3	7	95	12	974	4 842	
2008		87	3	7	94	12	1 000	4 995	
2008	2	93	3	7	93	12	980	4 793	
	3	92	3	7	93	12	981	4 878	
	4	92	3	7	95	12	982	4 846	
	5	91	3	7	95	12	986	4 740	
	6	91	3	7	94	12	988	4 781	
	7	91	3	7	94	12	989	4 900	
	8	89	3	7	94	12	992	4 845	
	9	89	3	7	94	12	995	4 908	
	10	89	3	7	94	12	995	4 892	
	11	89	3	7	94	12	997	4 876	
	12	87	3	7	94	12	1 000	4 995	
2009	1	87	3	7	94	12	1 000	5 029	
	2	86	3	7	94	12	1 001	4 958	
	3	86	3	7	94	12	1 003	4 986	
	4	86	3	7	95	12	1 007	5 010	

年 月		牌照 -- 續					牌照	
As at end of		Licences -- cont'd					總計	
Year	Month	會所酒牌	公眾娛樂場所	桌球室	公眾保齡球場	公眾溜冰場	小計	
		Club liquor	Places of public entertainment	Billiard establishment	Public bowling alley	Public skating rink	Sub-total	
		其他行業 -- 續						
		Other business -- cont'd						
2006		442	205	73	7	4	6 499	26 138
2007		461	203	71	8	7	6 778	26 355
2008		499	202	72	9	7	6 987	27 027
2008	2	444	206	71	8	7	6 717	26 373
	3	458	205	71	8	7	6 815	26 517
	4	460	203	71	8	7	6 786	26 539
	5	462	201	70	8	7	6 682	26 480
	6	464	203	70	8	7	6 728	26 617
	7	473	205	70	8	7	6 859	26 833
	8	471	204	71	8	7	6 803	26 838
	9	476	204	71	8	7	6 874	26 907
	10	487	205	71	8	7	6 870	26 924
	11	493	203	72	9	7	6 862	26 938
	12	499	202	72	9	7	6 987	27 027
2009	1	497	201	72	9	7	7 018	27 144
	2	488	203	73	9	7	6 941	27 086
	3	484	203	73	9	7	6 967	27 187
	4	483	204	73	9	7	6 996	27 283

10.10 (續) 按類別劃分的有效市政牌照及許可證
(cont'd) Municipal Services Licences and Permits in Force by Type

年 Year	月 Month	許可證 Permits							許可證 總計 Total permits	牌照及 許可證總計 Total licences and permits
		限制出售的食物許可證 Restricted food permits			食肆內的 卡拉OK 場所許可證 Karaoke Establishment Permit in restaurants					
Year	Month	涼茶 Chinese herb tea	冰凍甜點 Frozen confections	奶類 Milk	非瓶 裝飲品 Non- bottled drinks	食物 售賣機 Food vending machine	其他 Others			
2006		341	2 074	1 346	679	99	863	50	5 452	31 590
2007		360	2 223	1 558	710	58	1 009	64	5 982	32 337
2008		397	2 141	1 524	650	54	968	77	5 811	32 838
2008	2	370	2 224	1 550	702	56	1 008	66	5 976	32 349
	3	370	2 212	1 551	701	51	1 003	68	5 956	32 473
	4	373	2 194	1 536	689	48	982	68	5 890	32 429
	5	377	2 173	1 516	676	48	963	68	5 821	32 301
	6	378	2 158	1 507	661	52	960	70	5 786	32 403
	7	384	2 148	1 500	652	54	951	71	5 760	32 593
	8	382	2 141	1 506	645	56	956	71	5 757	32 595
	9	385	2 134	1 511	646	57	953	73	5 759	32 666
	10	388	2 126	1 507	648	56	957	75	5 757	32 681
	11	388	2 134	1 518	647	57	959	75	5 778	32 716
	12	397	2 141	1 524	650	54	968	77	5 811	32 838
	2009	1	400	2 150	1 534	659	57	982	75	5 857
2		407	2 156	1 540	669	57	986	76	5 891	32 977
3		408	2 163	1 548	674	62	992	79	5 926	33 113
4		414	2 154	1 538	677	60	993	79	5 915	33 198

註釋：市政服務於二零零零年一月一日重新後，康樂及文化事務署負責簽發及延續桌球室、公眾保齡球場及公眾溜冰場的牌照；上表所列其餘的牌照/許可證由食物環境衛生署負責。

Note: After the re-organisation of the municipal services on 11.2000, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is responsible for issue and renewal of the licences for billiard establishment, public bowling alley and public skating rink while the rest of the licences/permits presented in the above table are under the responsibility of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

資料來源：食物環境衛生署
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