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Question:

Does the Department provide sign language interpretation services? If so, what are the number of staff and staff cost involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

It is not a standing practice for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to provide sign language interpretation services at its facilities. Generally speaking, when hearing-impaired venue-users require staff assistance, we will use written communication or, where practicable, seek help from their companion who understands sign language. Individual museums will provide docent services with sign language interpretation by prior arrangement.

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