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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

With regard to the violent disorder caused by anti-extradition amendment bill protesters in various districts, a number of cultural, recreational and sports venues have suspended service to the public for safety reasons. Please list the total hours for which different types of venues were affected and the number of service users being affected.

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 33)

Reply:

Between 9 June 2019 and 28 January 2020, there were continued public events including demonstrations and protests in Hong Kong. Venues of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), including sports centres, turf soccer pitches, public swimming pools, performance venues, museums, libraries, etc., were temporarily closed on more than 4 900 occasions in light of the circumstances and safety concern. As advance booking or prior registration of the number of users is not required for some of the facilities, the LCSD is unable to provide the number of users being affected.

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