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Question:

The work of the LCSD in operating museums is to provide a balanced mix of programmes for enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture. Please inform this Committee of the following with a breakdown by fee-charging museums across Hong Kong:

- a. What are the actual and estimated staff establishments of each museum in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years?
- b. What is the total expenditure of each museum in the 2020-21 financial year?
- c. What is the estimated expenditure of each museum in the 2021-22 financial year?
- d. What are the attendance figures for each museum on weekdays and holidays in the 2020-21 financial year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 94)

Reply:

a. to c. The staff establishment and the estimated recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries) of the fee-charging museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are set out in the following table:

Museums	Number of Staff Establishment		Estimated Expenditure	
	As at 1 April 2020 (Actual)	As at 1 April 2021 (Projected)	2020-21 (\$ million)	2021-22 (\$ million)
Hong Kong Science Museum	111	111	77.49	81.55
Hong Kong Space Museum	82	82	38.43	39.71

d. The attendance figures of the fee-charging museums under the LCSD in 2020-21 (as at 1 December 2020) are set out in the following table:

Museum	Attendance in 2020-21 (as at 1 December 2020) ^{Note}				
	Free Admission Days	Weekdays	Weekends and Public Holidays	Total	
Hong Kong Science Museum	13 825	19 879	56 354	90 058	
Hong Kong Space Museum	7 186	11 184	37 096	55 466	

Note

The above museums had been temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.