

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (4) Performing Arts

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Manda CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

The local performing arts industry continues to face challenges such as slow return of audiences, rising operating costs of venues and loss of talents. In view of this, the Government has introduced various support measures (including subsidies, venue support, and publicity and promotion) in recent years to assist the industry in its recovery and market expansion. Would the Government please provide the following information:

The numbers of performance sessions, attendance rates, total attendances and operation statuses of major local performance venues in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kam-leung, Ken (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

The numbers and attendances of performances held at performance venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) from 2023 to 2025 are tabulated below:

	No. of Performances	Attendance
2023	5 332	2 886 355
2024	5 870	3 307 423
2025	7 038	3 406 595

The operating expenses of performance venues for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 were \$1.636 billion, \$1.805 billion and \$1.725 billion (revised estimate) respectively. As the numbers of audience seats for programmes held at different performance venues are subject to individual circumstances, the LCSD does not maintain any information on the overall attendance rates.