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Question:

Regarding the extension of opening hours of museums, please provide the average daily opening hours of the museums at present, the target numbers of opening hours upon extension, and detailed estimates of the additional operating expenditure.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 484)

Reply:

The average daily opening hours of the museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are around 8 hours at present. Upon comprehensive consideration, the LCSD decided to align the opening hours of the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays to 9:00 pm with effect from 2 January 2024. Under such an arrangement, there will be an annual increase of around 240 hours in the total opening hours of the museums, involving an estimated annual expenditure of about \$1.3 million.

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