

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (4) Performing Arts

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Question:

Please provide the numbers of performances of cultural and entertainment programmes in Hong Kong in each of the past 5 years, as well as the estimated numbers of, and percentage increases in, additional performances of programmes made possible by the Government's funding schemes in the next 3 years.

Asked by: Hon TIK Chi-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 487)

Reply:

The statistics on the numbers of performances of performing arts programmes presented and sponsored ^{Note 1} by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 5 years are as follows:

Year	2019-20 (Actual)	2020-21 (Actual)	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (Actual)	2023-24 (Estimate)
No. of performances of performing arts programmes	6 606	2 359 ^{Note 2}	4 515 ^{Note 2}	5 498 ^{Note 2}	6 560

Note 1: Forms of sponsorship include providing part of the programme costs, publicity support and/or free venue and ticketing services.

Note 2: Some programmes were cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

The LCSD plans to deliver an additional 205 performances of performing arts programmes in 2024-25, representing an increase of approximately 3% in the total over the previous year. As the concrete programme plans for 2025-26 and 2026-27 are not yet available, we are unable to provide any projections of the numbers of performances of performing arts programmes in the respective years.