

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)022****(Question Serial No. 0579)**

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Question:

Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2015-16, it is mentioned that the Department will continue to promote and implement the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics, and plan for a voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops. Please advise:

- (a) the number of applications for registration as vehicle mechanics in the past three years according to the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2014			
2013			
2012			

- (b) the details on implementation of the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

- (a) The number of applications for registration as vehicle mechanics in the past three years is provided in the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2014	219	3 380	38
2013	216	1 385	51
2012	154	572	54

Note: The validity of a certificate lasts for three years. As of 1 March 2015, there are 6 511 vehicle mechanics registered under the scheme.

- (b) To pave way for the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department issued the “Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops” (Practice Guidelines) in May 2012. The Charter Scheme (the Scheme) for vehicle maintenance workshops based on the Practice Guidelines was subsequently launched in January 2013. There has been increasing participation in the Scheme, and as at March 2015, a total of 422 workshops have subscribed to it. After consulting the trade, it was agreed that the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops will be rolled out in 2015, and promotional activities will be kicked off in mid-2015.

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