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Question:

In 2015-16, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department plans to implement the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops. Please advise the Committee the details of the scheme, including the number of maintenance workshops involved and the budgeted expenditure. Does the Government have plan to implement mandatory registration for vehicle maintenance workshops? If yes, when it will be implemented? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (Member Question No. 32)

Reply:

The voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops will be rolled out in 2015, and promotional activities of the scheme will be kicked off from mid-2015. The estimated number of workshops which are qualified to be registered under the voluntary scheme is around 2 500. The budgeted expenditure involved in implementing and promoting the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops, as well as that for vehicle mechanics, is \$5.84 million in 2015-16. There is no separate breakdown of the budgeted expenditure for the two schemes.

A mandatory registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops will be considered in consultation with the trade, taking into account the results of both the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics and the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops, as well as the cost and benefit of a mandatory scheme.

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