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Question:

With regard to gas safety and the current status of regulation, please provide the following information:

- 1) Please list the number of Class 1 to Class 8 registered gas installers and gas contractors, and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicle maintenance workshops in the past three years and the estimated number in 2016-17;
- 2) In response to the fatal incident happened earlier involving a workshop servicing an LPG vehicle, will there be additional manpower and budget for enhancing the safety of the trade and continuing education? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

- 1) The number of registered gas installers and registered gas contractors responsible for residential, commercial and industrial gas installation works (Class 1 to Class 8) in the past three years and the estimated number in 2016-17 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Registered Gas Installer	Registered Gas Contractor
2013-14	4 185	418
2014-15	4 239	440
2015-16	4 354	458
2016-17 (Estimate)	4 477	478

According to information of the past three years, there are a total of around 2 700 vehicle maintenance workshops across the territory, of which about 230 provide maintenance services for LPG vehicles.

- 2) From April this year, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will allocate seven additional inspectors and a one-off funding of \$1.2 million to further strengthen the inspection, regulation and education of vehicle maintenance workshops. The inspection work will cover some 2 700 vehicle maintenance workshops across the territory, with focus on those providing maintenance services for LPG vehicles.

Apart from more inspections to vehicle maintenance workshops, the EMSD will also promote adoption of the identification signage scheme for workshops that provide maintenance for LPG fuel system so as to facilitate their easy identification by LPG vehicle owners, drivers and the public. This administrative measure was launched in August 2015. Besides, the EMSD will publicise and educate LPG vehicle owners/drivers and concerned trade parties on repair and maintenance of LPG vehicles, and exchange views with them on safety related issues through various channels, such as talks, seminars, and through issuance of notices, etc.

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