

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the Technician Training Scheme (formerly named as Apprentice Training Scheme) organised by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) every year, please list the number of trainees joining the Scheme, the types of trade that they were engaged in and the number of trainees continuing to work in EMSD after completion of training over the past three years. To encourage and promote vocational education, will EMSD consider increasing the number of training places? If yes, how many new training places will be offered? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 22)

Reply:

The number of Technician Trainees (TTs) recruited by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) over the past three years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of TTs</u>
2014	164
2015	156
2016	260

The Technician Training Scheme covers six engineering disciplines, including mechanical, electrical, air-conditioning, vehicle, building services and electronics. All TTs who have completed the training programme and have satisfactory performance will be offered employment in the Government. Over the past three years (2011-2013 intakes), 203 out of a total of 258 graduated trainees accepted the employment offer and continued to serve at EMSD and 51 graduated trainees took up employment as E&M technical staff in another works department. EMSD will continue to recruit TTs to replenish vacancies arising from natural wastage as well as to cater for increasing service needs. EMSD plans to recruit over 200 TTs in 2017.