

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2017-18, it is mentioned that the Department will promote and administer the voluntary registration schemes for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. Please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the number of applications for registration as vehicle mechanics in the past 3 years according to the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2016			
2015			
2014			

- (b) the details on implementation of the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops; and
- (c) the latest development of the study on the feasibility of a mandatory registration system for both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

- (a) As of 28 February 2017, there were 8 716 vehicle mechanics registered under the scheme, representing about 92% of the total vehicle mechanics in Hong Kong. The number of applications for registration as vehicle mechanics in the past 3 years is provided in the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications <sup>1</sup> issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2016	1 098	1 883	0
2015	314	1 035	0
2014	219	3 380	38

<sup>1</sup> The validity of each registration/renewal is 3 years.

- (b) Since the roll-out of the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops on 15 July 2015, registered workshops must comply with and abide by or pledge to endeavour to abide by the requirements of the Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops issued by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) and the Vehicle Maintenance Technical Advisory Committee. With the support of a series of promotional activities, the number of vehicle maintenance workshops which have successfully registered under the scheme reached 1 735 as at end February 2017, equivalent to about 64% of the total vehicle maintenance workshops in Hong Kong. The number of vehicle mechanics employed by the registered workshops amounted to about 89% of the total vehicle mechanics in Hong Kong.
- (c) EMSD has commenced an in-depth study on the feasibility of putting in place a mandatory registration system for the vehicle maintenance trade (including both mechanics and workshops), with regard to the experience of the 2 voluntary registration schemes for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. EMSD will maintain close communication with the trade on the study.

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