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Question:

Please advise this Committee of the latest registration figures and participation rates of the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics (VRSVM) and the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (VRSVMW), as well as the latest progress, anticipated completion date and expenditure involved of the feasibility study on a mandatory registration system for both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops being conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD).

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Reply:

As at end-February 2019, there were 9 338 vehicle mechanics registered under the VRSVM, representing about 90% of the total estimated number of vehicle mechanics in Hong Kong. 2 121 of vehicle maintenance workshops were registered under the VRSVMW, representing about 75% of the total estimated number of vehicle maintenance workshops in Hong Kong.

The EMSD and the Transport and Housing Bureau are studying the feasibility and possible options of a mandatory registration scheme for both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. It is expected that consultation with other relevant bureaux and departments will be conducted in 2019. The relevant budgeted expenditure under the EMSD is \$2.15 million in 2019-20.

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