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Question:

Please provide 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). In 2021-22, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to promote and administer VRSVM and VRSVMW, including stepping up inspection of vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops under the voluntary registration schemes, as well as examine the introduction of a mandatory registration system for both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. Please provide information on the latest progress and anticipated completion date of the feasibility study, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

As at end-February 2021, there are 8 127 vehicle mechanics registered under VRSVM, representing about 79% of the total estimated number of vehicle mechanics in Hong Kong; and 2 052 vehicle maintenance workshops registered under VRSVMW, representing about 74% of the total estimated number of vehicle maintenance workshops in Hong Kong.

EMSD and the Transport and Housing Bureau are examining the feasibility and viable options of introducing a mandatory registration system for both vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops. We will continue to maintain close liaison with the vehicle maintenance trade and other relevant stakeholders in this regard. As it is part of EMSD's day-to-day work on mechanical installations safety, no specific breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved is available.

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