

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 2148)

Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety
Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (PANG Yiu-hung)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

Regarding the situation of the local vehicle maintenance industry and the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (VRSVMW), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the registration situation of the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics (including the number of registered vehicle mechanics (RVMs) and the percentage they represented among the total numbers of vehicle mechanics (VMs) in Hong Kong) in each of the past five years;
- (2) the registration situation of the VRSVMW (including the number of registered vehicle maintenance workshops (RVMWs) and the percentage they represented among the total number of vehicle maintenance workshops (VMWs) in Hong Kong) to date;
- (3) the following information of the RVMWs, broken down by District Council district:
 - (i) the distribution of RVMWs; and
 - (ii) the distribution of RVMWs providing maintenance services for electric vehicles and new energy vehicles;
- (4) whether the Government has information on the number of VMs with professional skills in the maintenance of electric vehicles and new energy vehicles in Hong Kong; and if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon LAM Chun-sing (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

- (1) The number of registered vehicle mechanics (RVMs) and the percentage they represented among the total number of vehicle mechanics (VMs) over the past five years are tabulated below:

	Number of RVMs	Percentage of the total number of VMs
2022	8 284	80.4%
2021	8 263	80.2%
2020	8 195	79.5%
2019	9 011	87.5%
2018	9 375	90.3%

(2) As at December 2022, there were 2 024 registered vehicle maintenance workshops (RVMWs) which was about 72.7% of the total number of vehicle maintenance workshops (VMWs) in Hong Kong.

(3)(i) The distribution of RVMWs by District Council district as at December 2022 is tabulated below:

District	Number of RVMWs
Eastern	180
Wan Chai	66
Central & Western	42
Southern	40
Sham Shui Po	106
Yau Tsim Mong	88
Kowloon City	292
Wong Tai Sin	74
Kwun Tong	143
Tsuen Wan	88
Kwai Tsing	82
North	145
Tai Po	51
Sha Tin	97
Sai Kung	39
Yuen Long	386
Tuen Mun	91
Islands (Lantau)	14
Total:	2 024

(3)(ii)&(4) The Government currently does not have the statistics on VMs and VMWs providing maintenance services for electric vehicles (EVs) and new energy vehicles in Hong Kong. For EVs, the Government is actively exploring extension of the existing voluntary registration schemes to cover the maintenance of EVs in consultation with the Vehicle Maintenance Technical Advisory Committee (which is comprised of representatives from the Government, the vehicle maintenance trade, academia and training institutes, professional bodies, vehicle owners' associations and other stakeholders), with a view to putting forward proposals on the registration requirements (including necessary training and skills for VM registration and necessary facilities for VMW registration),

detailed arrangements and implementation timeframe in 2023-24. After the implementation, the Government will have more accurate information on the number of RVMs with professional skills in the maintenance of EVs and the distribution of RVMWs providing such services. The Government will also continue to work closely with stakeholders to keep abreast of its development (including the maintenance of EVs and new energy vehicles) and the relevant statistics of VMs and VMWs.

- End -