

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics has been implemented since 2007. Please list out the number of registrations by year and by service class. What measures has the Government taken to promote the 3-year registration renewal requirement? Have any resources been reserved to cope with the future workload arising from new applications and registration renewals?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The number of registrations on a cumulative basis under various service classes in the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics are tabulated below :

Year	2007	2008	2009
No. of registered vehicle mechanics (all Service Classes)	3 416	8 940	9 788
No. of registered vehicle mechanics in Body Service Class	626	1 336	1 495
No. of registered vehicle mechanics in Electrical Service Class	312	1 025	1 136
No. of registered vehicle mechanics in Mechanical Service Class	2 400	6 295	6 875
No. of registered vehicle mechanics in Specific Service Class	250	695	867

Note : a vehicle mechanic can register in more than one Service Class

To promote renewal of registration before the expiry of the 3-year period, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has issued reminders to all registered vehicle mechanics six months before the expiry of their registrations.

EMSD has set up the Vehicle Maintenance Registration Unit to process all new applications and registration renewals. If necessary, internal resources will be redeployed within EMSD to cope with any upsurge of workload.



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