

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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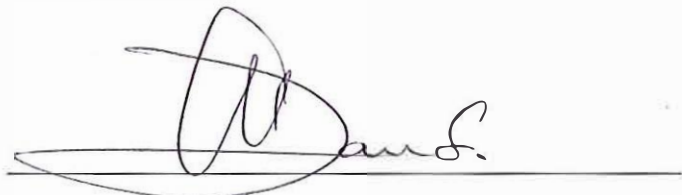
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Question: The Administration is requested to explain why the number of renewal applications under the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics in 2011 was only 3 739, whereas the number of registration applications in 2008 was 5 524, as each registration is valid for three years and renewal of registration is required.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: Registration under the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics is valid for three years and subject to renewal. The number of renewal applications received in 2011 was less than the number of those newly registered in 2008, mainly because some of the registered mechanics had missed the renewal deadline and some had retired or left the trade. Amongst the 8 940 mechanics whose registration was due for renewal by 31 December 2011, 6 114 have already renewed their registration, 1 454 indicated that they had missed the renewal deadline and would submit their renewal applications soon, whilst the remaining 1 372 had no plan to renew either because they had retired or left the trade, or for other reasons. On the other hand, from 2009 to 2011, there were 1 373 mechanics who had registered for the first time.

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