

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2012–13, it is mentioned that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to promote and implement the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics, and develop a set of code of practice for vehicle maintenance workshops in consultation with the vehicle maintenance trade. Please advise this Committee :

a) Since the commencement of the voluntary registration scheme, what is the number of applications for registration each year from 2008 to 2011? Please provide the information concerned according to the table below:

	No. of new applications for registration issued with certificates	No. of renewal applications for registration issued with certificates	No. of applicants rejected
2011			
2010			
2009			
2008			

b) Does the Administration have any plan in future to further implement the registration scheme for vehicle mechanics, such as implementation of a mandatory registration scheme? If yes, what are the specific measures? If no, what are the reasons?

c) What is the specific time table in formulating the code of practice for vehicle maintenance workshops?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply: a) The voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics has been

implemented since January 2007, and the number of applications for registration each year from 2008 to 2011 are shown in the table below:

	No. of new applications for registration issued with certificates	No. of renewal applications for registration issued with certificates	No. of applicants rejected
2011	225	3 739	118
2010	300	2 181	185
2009	848	24	31
2008	5 524	NA	22

b) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to promote the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics through various activities to reinforce the professional status of registered vehicle mechanics and encourage registered mechanics to renew their registration. Further initiatives, such as reinforcing communication with registered vehicle mechanics through newsletters and other electronic means, encouraging vehicle workshop owners to employ registered vehicle mechanics, and promoting the scheme to major organisations, etc. are being implemented. EMSD will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the voluntary registration scheme and keep in review the need for further enhancements to the scheme in consultation with the trade, including mandatory registration and other means as and when necessary.

c) To enhance the service standard of the local vehicle maintenance trade and to complement the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics, EMSD has drawn up a set of draft code of practice for vehicle maintenance workshops which has been distributed to the trade to solicit comments. This code of practice will be finalised within the third quarter of 2012.

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Date: _____ 28 February 2012 _____