

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)018****(Question Serial No. 0693)**

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Question (Member Question No. 20):

Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2014-15, it is mentioned that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to promote and implement the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics, and plan for a voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops. Please advise:

- (a) the number of applications for registration in the past three years according to the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2013			
2012			
2011			

- (b) the details on implementation of the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops.

Asked by: Hon. POON Siu-ping

Reply:

- (a) The number of applications for registration as vehicle mechanics in the past three years is provided in the table below:

	Number of new applications issued with certificates	Number of renewal applications issued with certificates	Number of applications rejected
2013	216	1 385	51
2012	154	572	54
2011	225	3 739	118

Note: The validity of a certificate lasts for three years. As of 1 March 2014, there are 7 124 vehicle mechanics registered under the scheme.

- (b) To pave the way for a voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops, the EMSD issued a new “Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops” (Practice Guidelines) in May 2012. A self-regulating Charter Scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops based on the Practice Guidelines was subsequently launched in January 2013. As at March 2014, a total of 327 workshops have subscribed to the Charter Scheme. Promotional activities for the Charter Scheme will continue in 2014 with a view to securing more support for the implementation of the voluntary registration scheme for vehicle maintenance workshops.