

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The below information on the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops in each of the recent 2 years and this year to date (with the yearly figures set out in table form):
 - (i) the number of vehicle maintenance workshops (VMWs) newly registered and those with registration renewed, broken down by maintenance service scope (i.e. internal combustion engine vehicle, electric vehicle (elementary), electric vehicle (low voltage), and electric vehicle (high voltage));
 - (ii) the total number of registered VMWs and its percentage in the overall number of VMWs in Hong Kong;
 - (iii) the number of inspections of registered VMWs conducted by Government staff;
 - (iv) the number of complaint cases against registered VMWs received; and
 - (v) the number of cases in which a VMW's registration was revoked due to proven serious non-compliance.

- (2) The below information on the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics in each of the recent 2 years and this year to date since its launch (with the yearly figures set out in table form):
 - (i) the number of vehicle mechanics (VMs) newly registered and those with registration renewed, broken down by registration class;
 - (ii) the total number of registered VMs;
 - (iii) the number of complaint cases against registered VMs received; and
 - (iv) the number of cases in which a mechanic's registration was revoked due to proven serious non-compliance.

- (3) It is mentioned in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27 that the Government will "examine the feasibility and formulate proposals on introducing a mandatory registration scheme for vehicle mechanics and vehicle maintenance workshops". What is the Government's direction of study and its progress at present?

Will the Government consider setting an implementation timetable; if so, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAU Siu-chung (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

(1) Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (VRSVMW)

- (i) The registration of a vehicle maintenance workshop (VMW) is valid for 3 years. Currently, the service scope of registered vehicle maintenance workshops (RVMWs) is divided into 4 categories: internal combustion engine vehicle (IC), internal combustion engine vehicle and electric vehicle (elementary) (IC & EVE), internal combustion engine vehicle and electric vehicle (low voltage) (IC & EVL), and internal combustion engine vehicle and electric vehicle (high voltage) (IC & EVH). In each of the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the numbers of VMWs with valid registration, and those with their registration renewed and those newly registered, broken down by maintenance service scope are tabulated as follows:

Year	(A) Number of VMWs with valid registration	(B) Number of VMWs with registration renewed and those newly registered (by maintenance service scope)				Total number of RVMWs (A+B)
		IC	IC & EVE	IC & EVL	IC & EVH	
2024	1 381	462	5	67	8	1 923
2025	1 146	575	16	73	11	1 821
2026 (As at February)	1 781	23	2	5	0	1 811

- (ii) As at February 2026, the number of RVMWs was 1 811, accounting for about 81% of the total number of VMWs (2 228).
- (iii) In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the number of inspections of RVMWs conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is tabulated as follows¹:

Year	Number of inspections of RVMWs
2024	1 974
2025	1 838
2026 (As at February)	128

¹ Other departments will also inspect VMWs in accordance with their respective scope of work.

- (iv) In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the number of complaint cases involving RVMWs received by the EMSD is as follows:

Year	Number of complaint cases involving RVMWs
2024	1
2025	1
2026 (As at February)	0

- (v) In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the number of cases in which a VMW's registration was revoked due to proven serious non-compliance is as follows:

Year	Number of cases in which a VMW's registration was revoked
2024	0
2025	4
2026 (As at February)	1

(2) Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics (VRSVM)

- (i) The registration of a vehicle mechanic (VM) is valid for 3 years. Mechanics may choose to register for multiple maintenance service classes, covering mechanical, electrical, body repair, body painting, motorcycle maintenance, tyre work, battery (24V) work, lubrication work, car accessories work, air-conditioning work and body building work. In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the numbers of VMs with registration renewed and those newly registered, broken down by maintenance service class are tabulated in the **Annex**; and the total numbers of VMs with valid registration, those with registration renewed and those newly registered are tabulated as follows:

Year	(A) Number of VMs with valid registration	(B) Number of VMs with registration renewed and those newly registered	Total number of registered vehicle mechanics (RVMs) (A+B)
2024	5 363	2 035	7 398
2025	5 530	1 889	7 419
2026 (As at February)	7 123	242	7 365

- (ii) As at February 2026, the number of RVMs was 7 365.

- (iii) In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, the number of complaint cases involving RVMs received by the EMSD is as follows:

Year	Number of complaint cases involving RVMs
2024	1
2025	0
2026 (As at February)	0

- (iv) In the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year, there was no record of cases in which a VM's registration was revoked due to proven serious non-compliance.

- (3) The Government is drawing on the practices of other jurisdictions to progressively refine the existing registration arrangements for electric vehicle maintenance services under the VRSVM and VRSVMW, at the same time exploring ways to implement a mandatory registration scheme, which will also involve a study on the amendment of relevant legislation. In addition, the Government will maintain close collaboration with the Vehicle Maintenance Technical Advisory Committee (VMTAC) to support the vehicle maintenance industry in keeping pace with the times and attracting new talent to the industry, in a bid to ensure the sustainable and healthy development of the trade, and minimise policy impact on the trade and practitioners. Comprising members from sectors like industry organisations, professional bodies and training institutes, the VMTAC provides the Government with appropriate and professional advice. The Government will announce the proposed plan and timetable for the mandatory registration scheme in due course.

The numbers of VMs with registration renewed and those newly registered,
broken down by maintenance service class
in the recent 2 years and the first 2 months this year

Year	Numbers of VMs with registration renewed and those newly registered (by maintenance service class)										
	Mechanical	Electrical	Body repair	Body painting	Motorcycle maintenance	Tyre work	Battery (24V) work	Lubrication work	Car accessories work	Air-conditioning work	Body building work
2024	1 775	394	213	97	52	121	123	139	163	71	7
2025	1 425	273	154	58	43	56	59	88	86	42	3
2026 (As at February)	167	31	16	14	4	4	3	7	7	2	1

Remark: Mechanics may choose to register for multiple maintenance service classes

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