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Question:

Regarding manpower and workshops for vehicle maintenance, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (1) the current total number of vehicle mechanics (VMs) in Hong Kong and, among them, the number and proportion of VMs participating in the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics (VRSVM);
- (2) the numbers of VMs who have attained qualifications in electric vehicle (EV) maintenance service scope at the elementary, low voltage and high voltage levels to date, given that the Government has added such service scope to the VRSVM;
- (3) the current total number of vehicle maintenance workshops (VMWs) in Hong Kong and, among them, the number and proportion of VMWs participating in the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (VRSVMW); the current number of registered EV maintenance workshops, with a breakdown by the workshop level;
- (4) whether the Government will make the voluntary registration systems for VMs and VMWs mandatory to better ensure maintenance safety, given that there are views reflecting that EV maintenance involves substantial electrical and mechanical operations; if so, the details; if not, the reasons; and
- (5) whether the Government has assessed the numbers of EV mechanics and workshops required for Hong Kong in the next 5 years, as the demand for EV maintenance is expected to rise continuously in the future given the increasing number of EVs?

Asked by: Hon LAM Ming-fung, Lothair (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

- (1) As at February 2026, the number of registered vehicle mechanics (RVMs) was 7 365, accounting for about 79% of the total number of vehicle mechanics (VMs) (9 338).
- (2) As at February 2026, a total of 1 302 RVMs successfully attained qualifications in electric vehicle (EV) maintenance service scope, including 270 EV (elementary) (EVE) mechanics, 387 EV (low voltage) (EVL) mechanics and 645 EV (high voltage) (EVH) mechanics.
- (3) As at February 2026, the number of registered vehicle maintenance workshops (RVMWs) was 1 811, accounting for about 81% of the total number of vehicle maintenance workshops (VMWs) (2 228). A total of 146 RVMWs successfully registered the additional EV maintenance service scope, including 21 EVE Workshops, 106 EVL Workshops and 19 EVH Workshops .
- (4) Drawing on the practices of other jurisdictions, the Government continuously enriches the EV maintenance service registration arrangements under the existing Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics and Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops (collectively known as the voluntary registration schemes), in order to align with market development. At the same time, the Government is exploring ways to implement a mandatory registration scheme, which also involves a study on the amendments to relevant legislation. Additionally, the Government works closely 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. 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.
- (5) As the market demand for EV maintenance rises, the Government and the VMTAC are encouraging more VMs to receive EV maintenance training to enhance their skills and register voluntarily. Currently, the VMTAC has recognised a total of 10 EV maintenance training courses offered by 6 institutes and colleges. It is expected that they can meet the growing demand for training in the market, while more VMs and VMWs will attain the qualifications for EV maintenance. The Government and the VMTAC will closely monitor the situation in the trade to continuously make appropriate plans and support industry development.

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