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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : EMSD will implement the recommendations of the study on practical measures to enhance the existing practice of the vehicle maintenance industry in 2004-05. What are the details ?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply : EMSD has been studying the formulation and administration of a registration scheme for local vehicle maintenance trade, with a view to enhancing the service standards of the trade. The study recommended that a registration scheme for vehicle mechanics be introduced and a code of practice be developed for vehicle maintenance workshops. The initial framework of the registration scheme, such as registration classifications and criteria, was drawn up and the LegCo Panel for Transport and the Transport Advisory Committee were consulted in January and February 2004 respectively. In 2004-05, EMSD will consult the trade, with the aim of working out the details of the scheme.

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