

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

To attract more ocean-going vessels to register in Hong Kong, the Government launched an incentive in 2024 for Hong Kong-registered ships attaining Carbon Intensity Indicator rating A or B and introduced the block registration incentive targeting shipowners who register multiple ships with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry within a specified period. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the numbers of shipowners and ships that have benefitted from each of the above 2 incentives since their launch, as well as the number of ships newly registered in Hong Kong for obtaining these incentives; and
- 2) the resources involved in handling ship registration by the Government.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Chun, Jonathan (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

- 1) The green incentive was launched on 28 June 2024 for a period of 3 years to encourage green transformation of Hong Kong-registered ships. All Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 gross tonnage or above that have attained rating A or B in the Carbon Intensity Indicator formulated by the International Maritime Organization are eligible for the green incentive. Each qualified Hong Kong-registered ship is eligible to receive HK\$20,000 per corresponding year from 2024 to 2026. As at 28 February 2026, the Marine Department (MD) has received a total of 1 529 applications from 984 ships, among which 1 509 applications from 974 ships have been approved, involving 750 shipowners and 92 demise charterers. Since the launch of the incentive, 35 newly registered ships have obtained the incentive.

The block registration incentive was launched on 14 February 2025 to attract more shipowners to register their ships in Hong Kong. Shipowners who register more than 1 eligible ship with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry within 24 months may be provided with a refund of the relevant ship registration fee and the first-year annual

tonnage charge. 1 application may cover ships of different shipowners and may be submitted by a shipowner, ship manager or ship agent. As at 28 February 2026, MD has received a total of 28 applications, involving 87 ships with gross tonnage of about 5.5 million. Among them, 53 ships (with gross tonnage of about 4 million) have completed registration, involving 53 shipowners.

- 2) The ship registration work is undertaken by the Ship Registration Services Section of MD. As at 28 February 2026, there are 11 staff in the section.

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