

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Marine Department launched the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII)-based green incentive in 2024 and introduced the block registration incentive targeting shipowners who register multiple ships with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry within a specified period in 2025. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Since the launch of the CII-based green incentive, how many ships have received the incentive each year? What is the amount of incentive involved?
- (2) Among the ships receiving the green incentive each year, what are the respective numbers of ships attaining CII ratings A and B?
- (3) The green incentive will last for 3 years. What is its effectiveness as assessed by the Government? Will this incentive measure be extended?
- (4) Since the introduction of the block registration incentive, how many Hong Kong-registered ships have been granted the incentive? What is the amount of incentive involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Siu-hung (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

The green incentive was launched on 28 June 2024 to encourage green transformation of the shipping industry. All Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 gross tonnage or above that have attained rating A or B in the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) formulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) 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. On the other hand, 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 (HKSR) 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.

- (1) The total number of ships receiving the green incentive in 2024-25 is 817, involving an incentive amount of HK\$16,340,000; the total number of ships receiving the green incentive in 2025-26 (as at 28 February 2026) is 692, involving an incentive amount of HK\$13,840,000.
- (2) Among the ships receiving the green incentive, the respective numbers of ships attaining CII ratings A and B are as follows:
 - (i) CII rating A: 406 in 2024-25; 330 in 2025-26 (as at 28 February 2026); and
 - (ii) CII rating B: 411 in 2024-25; 362 in 2025-26 (as at 28 February 2026).
- (3) The green incentive has been launched since June 2024. As at 28 February 2026, the Marine Department has approved a total of 1 509 applications, involving a total incentive amount of HK\$30,180,000. The scheme will conclude on 31 December this year. Its implementation has enabled the maritime industry to recognise the endeavours made by the HKSR in promoting environmental protection and reduction in carbon emission, while reinforcing its image as a quality ship registry. We will closely monitor the outcome of the CII rating review to be completed by the IMO later this year before reviewing the matter.
- (4) As at 28 February 2026, applications for the block registration incentive involved 87 ships with gross tonnage of about 5 500 000. Among them, 53 (with gross tonnage of about 4 000 000) have completed registration, involving an incentive amount of about HK\$4,000,000.

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