

**Question for written answer E-004207/2020
to the Council**

Rule 138

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Subject: Toll charge exemption for clean lorries

The German Transport Minister Andreas Scheuer has announced that he is in favour of a complete waiver of motorway toll charges for 'clean lorries' as part of the 'Eurovignette' ¹ .

The aim of toll charges is generally to finance the expansion and maintenance of existing roads and the construction of new ones ² .

1. If, as envisaged here, 'clean lorries' are exempted from the toll charge, will other road users have to compensate financially for the shortfall of funds for maintaining the infrastructure?
2. Is a project that promotes road transport at odds with efforts to shift the transport of freight to the railways in order to ease pressure on roads and help protect nature?

¹ <https://www.dvz.de/rubriken/politik/detail/news/scheuer-saubere-lkw-sollten-in-der-eu-mautbefreit-fahren.html>

² <https://www.forschungsinformationssystem.de/servlet/is/301208/>