

**Question for written answer E-001173/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/1161 on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles – double counting

For the first time, mandatory minimum public-procurement targets are being set for low- and zero-emission cars and light- and heavy-duty vehicles. The aim of the directive is to stimulate demand for clean, i.e. low- and zero-emission road vehicles, thus reducing emissions in the transport sector and thereby meeting reduction targets for CO₂ and air pollutant emissions. In addition, promoting greater demand for clean road vehicles is intended to help strengthen competitiveness and growth in the sector. The problem is, however, that vehicles appear twice in the statistics, namely in the quota for the transport network that has put a particular bus route out to tender, for example, and in the quota for the public transport undertaking that will operate the route concerned. The number of vehicles thus appearing in the statistics is therefore higher than the number actually in use:

within the scope of the directive referred to, vehicles are counted twice towards the specified quota, in the procurement statistics, in the case of undertakings that have themselves to issue calls for tenders. That leads to a distortion of national statistics on the procurement quotas laid down, meaning that more vehicles are recorded in the statistics than have in fact been procured.

Is the Commission aware of these distorted statistics?