

**Question for written answer E-002679/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Objections to electric cars

Various publications have shown that electric cars are not environmentally friendly, owing to the use of raw materials in the production process. In fact, it can be concluded that conventional cars (petrol and diesel) are more environmentally friendly. This comes on top of the existing objections regarding the unaffordable cost and limited mobility of electric cars and the privacy concerns associated with them. Moreover, electric cars have also been heavily criticised for the fact that the raw material cobalt, which is used in their batteries, is mined by children under inhumane conditions.

1. Given the aforementioned objections, does the Commission share the view that the policy regarding electric cars and the prohibitions and restrictions on conventional cars should be revised?
2. Can it indicate who actually benefits from electric cars and the prohibitions and restrictions on conventional cars, and provide a verifiable cost-benefit analysis that takes into account (but is not limited to) the aforementioned objections to electric cars?
3. Can it disclose all data, including correspondence and lobbying activities, relating to electric cars and the prohibitions and restrictions on conventional cars, so that members of the public themselves can gain an insight into this madness?

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