

**Question for written answer E-002687/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: 600 000 jobs to be wiped out owing to the ban on combustion engines

In November 2022, Commissioner for the Internal Market Thierry Breton stated that more than 600 000 jobs would be wiped out by the switch to all-electric mobility. In addition, this would entail a huge increase in electricity consumption. Furthermore, large quantities of raw materials such as lithium, nickel, cobalt and graphite would be needed¹.

1. Are the statements made by Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton accurate?
2. Does the Commission intend to continue with its plans to ban the registration of new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles by 2035, even though this would wipe out at least 600 000 industrial jobs in the Union?
3. Does the Commission intend to continue with its plans to ban the registration of new passenger cars and light commercial vehicles by 2035, despite the fact that neither the supply of environmentally-friendly electricity nor the import of essential raw materials can be assured?

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¹ https://www.focus.de/auto/news/die-eu-rudert-zurueck-der-ausstieg-aus-dem-ausstieg_id_178683802.html