



Bundestag car pool: A pioneer in sustainable mobility

Decision

Ahead of a new contract being awarded for the German Bundestag's car pool, the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development (PBnE) advocates the consistent implementation of sustainable mobility. The Bundestag needs to take on a pioneering role in this respect.

The PBnE calls for all possibilities to be explored transparently and innovatively when inviting calls to tender for the Bundestag car pool. In addition to economic efficiency, including an evaluation of life cycle costs, environmental issues such as climate protection and social aspects relating to occupational health and safety must also be taken into consideration.

If the invitation is again for an off-site car pool service provider model, the PBnE calls for ambitious climate protection requirements for the tendering process, following the current CO₂ requirements of the EU. According to a recent EU regulation, the CO₂ emissions of cars are to be reduced to 95g per kilometre by 2020. This level should be set as the fleet average at least, in order to make clear the commitment to sustainable mobility.

In addition, at least 20 percent of all vehicles should be equipped with an electric-only motor. In order to ensure an appropriate selection of vehicles, those currently used from the "executive cars" range should be expanded to include "mid-size" vehicles. The same requirements must also apply to new purchases of federal-owned vehicles. This ensures that the most efficient technologies are made available.

These demands are a logical consequence of the decisions made by the German Bundestag, which calls upon the Federal Government to give greater consideration to low-emissions vehicles in public procurement calls to tender (Printed Paper 17/3479, p. 6). There is no clear argument against this also applying to the German Bundestag itself.