



Council of Ministers

The reform of the State Vehicle Fleet will save 10.5 million euros from 2012 to 2014

- There will be a 66% reduction in limousines for senior officials in central government, and the number of senior officials and authorities with cars will be limited, so that directors general will have to share vehicles.
- Staff drivers for the State Vehicle Fleet and related services will be reduced by 17% through retirements, and no new drivers will be recruited.

08 November 2012. The Council of Ministers has approved a Royal Decree converting the autonomous body the Ministerial Vehicle Fleet into the State Vehicle Fleet, as well as changing its basic organisational structure and functions.

As part of its commitment to streamlining public expenditure, the Government will save 10,515,226 euros in the 2012-2014 period by reducing the vehicles and drivers in the State Vehicle Fleet.

This modification of the Royal Decree regulating the functions of the fleet introduces a new model for providing vehicle services in a context of limited public spending, in order to adapt it to a modern public administration.

The reform follows the principles of austerity, the efficient use of resources and a vehicle service in line with the available resources rather than user demand, as previously.

Measures will be taken in several areas as part of the reform: first, reducing the number of senior officials and authorities with assigned cars; second, reducing the fleet of vehicles, selling them by auction and not replacing them until 2014, as well as a natural reduction in driver numbers, through retirement and no new recruitment.

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The reform affects both the central services of the vehicle fleet and the vehicle services of the fleet integrated in peripheral administration areas.

Reduction of senior officials with a car

Users of official cars will be limited, unlike the current situation where this service is available on demand to all senior officials and authorities. Directors general, regional and island government representatives will now be assigned limousines according to their position, which will be shared in order to provide general services for the Department.

Smaller fleet

The total fleet in December 2011 in central services was 921 vehicles, 819 of which were cars, 66 motorbikes and 36 vehicles in other categories (van, moped, minivan, etc). The fleet is quite old: the average age of vehicles is eight years, and eleven in the case of armoured cars.

By the end of 2014, the total number of vehicles will have been reduced to 652 vehicles.

In particular, the fleet of limousines assigned to senior members of the government will be reduced by 204 cars, from 307 in December 2011 to 103 in December 2014 (-66.45%). In total, the official cars of the State Vehicle Fleet will be reduced by 53.30%.

The fleet of official vehicles being used by the peripheral administration was 569 vehicles in 2011, which will be reduced by a similar percentage as the central government fleet by 2014. Given the relative modernity of the fleet used by the peripheral administration compared to the obsolete cars in use for central services, a possible transfer of part of the peripheral fleet will be studied and the number of auctions may be increased as a result.

Reduction in the number of drivers

In total, the State and peripheral services will be reduced by 222 drivers to 2014 through natural wastage and a freeze on new personnel.

The 1303 drivers in December 2011 will be reduced by 17% to 1081.

In the central fleet services, there will be 852 drivers by December 2014, 14.9% fewer than in December 2011 (1002).

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In the peripheral administration, the number of drivers will be cut by 72 people, equivalent to 23.92%, from 301 in December 2011 to 220 in December 2014.

Savings

These cuts in central and peripheral services will result in substantial savings. Specifically, 7,546,601 euros in personnel expenses, 968,625 euros thanks to lower running costs, especially in fuel (490,000 euros), repairs, maintenance and spare parts (265,000 euros) and lower civil liability insurance (213,625 euros).

There will also be an estimated saving of about two million euros due to the effect on the fleet of changing from assigned cars for Directors General to shared cars. This incident fleet is considered an additional service, with costs partly borne by the budgets of the different Ministries, so that its reduction means lower spending by the Ministries.

The items as a whole mean savings of 10,515,226 euros.

Additional actions will also be introduced to reduce official vehicles in service in state public institutions and bodies in the public sector.

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