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THE government will focus on providing direct current (DC) electric vehicle (EV) charging bays to resolve range concerns of owners making long journeys.

Deputy Investment, Trade and Industry Minister Liew Chin Tong said the ministry, Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii) and Malaysia Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC) were examining and refining the feasibility of increasing DC charger targets.

He said the proposal to reevaluate the target of 10,000 EV chargers was raised during the first meeting of the National EV Steering Committee (NEVSC) for this year.

"The results of the study will be presented during the NEVSC meeting in the second quarter," he said when winding up the debate on the Motion of Thanks for the Royal Address on behalf of the ministry in the Dewan Rakyat recently.

Liew said to help achieve the government's EV charging bays target, a concession company would collaborate with Tenaga Nasional Bhd to ensure sufficient power for the needs of DC-type EV charging stations.

He added that the Malaysian Highway Authority would also assist the concession company and EV charging station operator to expedite the required approval process.

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Meanwhile, Liew said to complete the automotive ecosystem, including EVs, the government introduced the Authorised Automotive Treatment Facility (AATF) initiative to ensure the handling or management of abandoned vehicles and used automotive components was orderly and in accordance with the Environmental Quality Act 1974.

The deputy minister said currently, two AATFs had been licensed by the

Environment Department and five companies were still in the evaluation stage for AATF licensing, and one of these companies could recycle EV batteries.

"Apart from this, the government is developing the Guideline for EV Battery Recycling and Remanufacturing in Malaysia based on MS 2697:2018 [4R], which is expected to be finalised in the second quarter of next year," he added.

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