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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice

Government reshuffle, 27 July 2017

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Prime Minister Stefan Löfven today announced a government reshuffle. Three ministers have chosen to leave their posts, two new ministers have been appointed, and two ministers have been entrusted with revised areas of responsibility.

Ministers Anna Johansson, Anders Ygeman and Gabriel Wikström are leaving their posts.

Newly appointed ministers

Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth

Minister for Migration, and Deputy Minister for Justice: Heléne Fritzon

Changes by ministry

Ministry of Justice Minister for Justice and Home Affairs: Morgan Johansson

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs Minister for Health and Social Affairs: Annika Strandhäll



Press release from Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry of Justice

Government tightens border controls

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The Government has decided to tighten and strengthen border controls and to phase out ID checks across the Öresund strait.

We need good order at Sweden's borders to maintain security. The decisions on border controls and ID checks will expire in the next few days. There are many reasons why it is important that we have good control of our border crossing points.

The Government will strengthen and extend the Swedish Police's border controls. We will also tighten controls using vehicle X-ray inspections and camera surveillance. This will also make it possible to phase out the temporary ID checks, which will make everyday life easier for people who commute on a daily basis between Sweden and Denmark. The ID checks will be discontinued on the Öresund ferries but will remain in place on all other ferries, in line with the current maritime security legislation. The Government is of course fully prepared to quickly reinstate ID checks if necessary. We are in close dialogue with our agencies to monitor this.

The Government did what was necessary to get Sweden out of the situation that prevailed in autumn 2015, and we will take responsibility to ensure we do not end up there again



Press release from Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Government grants compensation for costs stemming from ID checks

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The Government has adopted an ordinance entitling carriers to apply for compensation for costs incurred as a result of the Government's regulations on ID checks. Compensation will be paid for reasonable costs incurred by bus, train or passenger ship operators for carrying out ID checks. Costs must be verifiable. Applications for compensation will be examined by the Swedish Transport Administration and will be paid in arrears after the expiry of a period of validity for ID checks.

The Government's proposal in the autumn amending budget to allocate a sum of up to SEK 139 million for costs in 2016 has been approved by the Riksdag.

"I am pleased that we can now present a complete scheme on how carriers can apply for compensation to cover their costs for carrying out ID checks. This has been requested by the relevant actors ever since the provisions were introduced in January 2016," says Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson.

The Swedish Transport Administration will determine when applications are to be submitted – however no later than 9 months following the date on which a period for ID checks expired.

Period 1 covers 4 January 2016–3 July 2016.

Period 2 covers 4 July 2016–3 November 2016.

The provisions include both Swedish and foreign carriers. The only

requirement is that the carrier has incurred costs for carrying out the ID checks under the regulations issued by the Government.



Press release from Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Government invests in Renewed commitment to Vision Zero

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The Government decided on the 1st of September 2016 to relaunch Vision Zero, the initiative to end deaths and serious injuries on the roads. The relaunch is to strengthen the focus of the Government's transport safety work. At the annual road safety conference held in Tylösand, Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson presented the three assignments decided upon for this area.

The relaunch of Vision Zero aims to secure elements that work well and develop elements that work less well. The major challenge today is increasing safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Safety for motorists has improved substantially but challenges remain in this area, too.

– Several of the UN Global Goals concern road safety, and the rest of the world is interested in Sweden's transport safety efforts. To achieve the Global Goals, we must work together at local, regional, national and global level. As well as making our roads even safer, our relaunch of Vision Zero is also intended to create even better conditions for exports of Swedish road safety products and services. This benefits jobs and development in Sweden, says Ms Johansson.

The assignments:

The Swedish Transport Administration (the Swedish government agency for planning of transport infrastructure) will be leading the road safety collaboration to achieve Vision Zero.

Transport Analysis (the Swedish government agency for transport policy analysis) will receive two assignments. The first is to propose new intermediate road safety targets beyond 2020, and the other is to investigate reduced speed limits in built-up areas. The latter is an element of road safety efforts that primarily aim to improve road safety and security for pedestrians and cyclists. The consequences of reduced speed limits in built-up areas, and alternative solutions, are to be evaluated in relation to the transport policy objectives as a whole.



Press release from Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Minister for Infrastructure to host meeting on intensified road safety efforts

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Swedish road safety efforts are successful; the Vision Zero model serves as inspiration throughout the world. But there is still work to do, which is why the Government is launching a new road safety initiative for all modes of transport. 15 March the Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson will host a meeting of road safety stakeholders to discuss future initiatives and solutions.

The Vision Zero road safety model has successfully reduced the number of deaths and serious injuries on Swedish roads. But more needs to be done. 15 March the industry will gather to launch a new phase of intensified efforts. The work done so far will be outlined, and future measures to achieve the target will be discussed. One crucial aspect of road safety efforts is collaboration between government agencies, municipalities, the industry and other stakeholders.

"Sweden is a world leader on road safety, and I am proud of that. Our successes are largely due to the fact that, thanks to the Swedish model of collaboration between different stakeholders in society, we have all worked towards the same target in a focused manner. This meeting aims to help us become even better," says Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson.

Media representatives are welcome to attend this part of the meeting.

Place: Quality Hotel Globe, Stockholm

Time: 15 March, 10.00–10.30



Press release from Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Government to propose Swedish tonnage tax system

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In the Budget Bill for 2016, which is based on an agreement between the government parties and the Left Party, the Government will propose the introduction of a Swedish maritime tonnage tax system. The purpose is to give Swedish shipping companies in international traffic competitive conditions equal to those of shipping companies in other European countries.

“I am pleased that we will have a maritime tonnage tax system in place and I look forward to seeing more Swedish-flagged ships. We know that this is very important in terms of jobs and it is a step along the way to achieving the lowest rate of unemployment in the European Union by 2020,” says Minister for Infrastructure Anna Johansson.

The initiative will be funded within the infrastructure appropriations, half within the shipping industry. This will be done by adjusting maritime support and by subjecting to interest the accumulated excess depreciation of shipping companies when they enter the system.

Maritime tonnage tax is state support which must be reported to and approved by the European Commission before being implemented. Therefore, the earliest date on which the new provisions can enter into force is 1 July 2016.