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New state secretaries at the Government Offices

Published 22 January 2019

The Government today appointed 31 state secretaries at the Government Offices. Former state secretaries have been dismissed from their positions. Most of the state secretaries have previously held corresponding positions at the Government Offices.

Prime Minister's Office

The Government has appointed Nils Vikmång as the Prime Minister's State Secretary. The Government has also appointed Madeleine Harby Samuelsson and Karin Wallensteen as state secretaries to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven.

The Government has appointed Paula Carvalho Olovsson as State Secretary to Minister for EU Affairs Hans Dahlgren.

The Government has appointed Mats Andersson and Maria Ferm as state secretaries in the coordinating committee at the Prime Minister's Office.

Ministry of Employment

The Government has appointed Annika Dahl as State Secretary to Minister for Employment Ylva Johansson.

The Government has appointed Karin Strandås as State Secretary to Minister

for Gender Equality, with responsibility for anti-discrimination and anti-segregation, Åsa Lindhagen.

Ministry of Finance

The Government has appointed Max Elger and Leif Jacobsson as state secretaries to Minister for Finance Magdalena Andersson.

The Government has appointed Ulf Holm and Elin Olsson as state secretaries to Minister for Financial Markets and Housing, Deputy Minister for Finance, Per Bolund.

The Government has appointed Alejandro Firpo as State Secretary to Minister for Public Administration Ardan Shekarabi.

Ministry of Defence

The Government has appointed Jan-Olof Lind as State Secretary to Minister for Defence Peter Hultqvist.

Ministry of Infrastructure

The Government has appointed Mattias Landgren as State Secretary to Minister for Infrastructure Tomas Eneroth.

The Government has appointed Sebastian De Toro as State Secretary to Minister for Energy and Digital Development Anders Ygeman.

Ministry of Justice

The Government has appointed Catharina Espmark and Lars Westbratt as state secretaries to Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson.

The Government has appointed Elisabeth Backteman as State Secretary to Minister for Home Affairs Mikael Damberg.

Ministry of Culture

The Government has appointed Helene Öberg as State Secretary to Minister for Culture and Democracy, with responsibility for sport, Amanda Lind.

Ministry of the Environment

The Government has appointed Eva Svedling and Gunvor Ericson as state secretaries to Minister for Environment and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister, Isabella Lövin.

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

The Government has appointed Stina Billinger and Emil Högberg as state secretaries to Minister for Enterprise and Innovation Ibrahim Baylan.

The Government has appointed Per Callenberg as State Secretary to Minister for Rural Affairs Jennie Nilsson.

Ministry of Health and Social Affairs

The Government has appointed Maja Fjaestad as State Secretary to Minister for Health and Social Affairs Lena Hallengren.

Ministry of Education and Research

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The Government has appointed Malin Cederfeldt Östberg as State Secretary to Minister for Higher Education and Research Matilda Ernkrans.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government has appointed Annika Söder as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs to Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström.

The Government has appointed Per Olsson Fridh as State Secretary to Minister for International Development Cooperation Peter Eriksson.

The Government has appointed Niklas Johansson as State Secretary to Minister for Foreign Trade, with responsibility for Nordic affairs, Ann Linde.



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Press release from Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

The Government adopts Sweden's action plan for the 2030 Agenda

Published 18 June 2018

The Government can now present Sweden's action plan for the 2030 Agenda. Through the action plan, the Government intends to reinforce efforts to implement the Agenda and make it clear how government agencies and other actors in society can contribute.

Sweden's action plan contains key political measures for the years 2018–2020. It also highlights six cross-sectoral focus areas based on the proposal the 2030 Agenda delegation presented to the Government on 1 June 2017. The six areas the action plan focuses on are: social equality and gender equality, a sustainable society, a socially beneficial, circular and bio-based economy, a strong business sector with corporate social responsibility, a sustainable and healthy food chain, and knowledge and innovation.

"The Government is now presenting the overall policy that will keep Sweden a leader in the transition to sustainable development. The key for this to succeed is broad participation throughout society towards the common goals. The action plan is intended to make it easier for many different actors to help in implementing the Agenda," says Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi.

The 2030 Agenda and its 17 global goals for sustainable development is a detailed agenda that was adopted by all UN Member States in September 2015. The agenda and the goals are to guide the way for both the UN and the world's countries, with the aim of jointly achieving development that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable. The action plan now adopted is based on a national perspective, but also covers Sweden's contribution to global implementation.

"The 2030 Agenda is an action plan towards a sustainable world. Sweden's aid will help achieve the Global Goals. Sweden is showing its serious engagement in areas such as climate, gender equality and feminist foreign policy," says, Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, and Deputy Prime Minister.

The Government recently adopted the 'Strategy for capacity development, partnership and methods' in the context of international development cooperation. This strategy supports the 2030 Agenda through capacity development, cooperation and partnership with a range of actors, and development of methods and working practices. It will also strengthen and broaden the Swedish resource base.

Tasks assigned to several government agencies

A central idea in the action plan is to encourage partnerships between the public sector, the knowledge-based society, the business sector and civil society. In connection with the decision to adopt the action plan, the Government also assigned a number of tasks to various government agencies.

- Statistics Sweden has been tasked with setting up a national monitoring system by coordinating the development and production of statistics on Sweden's implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and making these statistics available.
- The National Financial Management Authority will examine the need for additional requirements concerning sustainability reports from government agencies.
- The Swedish Agency for Public Management will analyse and monitor work by government agencies on the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Local implementation will be facilitated through voluntary key indicators for municipalities and county councils based on the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda.
- A new government inquiry will be tasked with facilitating the creation of more values-based public partnerships.



Press release from Ministry of Finance

Re-regulation of the gambling market – licence system to be introduced

Published 05 April 2018

The Government today adopted the Bill 'A re-regulated gambling market'. The proposal will mean introducing a new gambling act and a licence system.

"Unregulated gambling has taken over and gambling is used in criminal activities. It is 14 years since the first of a line of gambling inquiries was appointed. It is now time for us to move from words to action and regain control of the Swedish gambling market," says Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi.

The gambling act now being proposed will mean that anyone operating in the Swedish gambling market must have an authorised licence and that operators without a licence will be shut out. There must be stronger consumer protection in place for gambling, and the negative effects of gambling must be limited. A new offence, gambling fraud, will be introduced and a special cooperation council will be established to tackle match fixing.

The gambling market will be divided up into sectors: a competitive sector, primarily including online gambling and betting; a sector reserved for non-profit purposes, primarily including lotteries and bingo; and a sector reserved for the central government, primarily including state-owned casinos and gambling on token machines. Gambling subject to licensing will be taxed at 18 per cent. Gambling for non-profit purposes will continue to be tax exempt. Winnings will be taxed when players win money on unlicensed gambling websites.

"We are reinforcing the Swedish Gambling Authority, granting it more and

sharper tools. Unlicensed operators will be shut out of the market and licence-holders must conduct their activities in accordance with the law. Today we are also instructing the Swedish Agency for Public Management to follow up the reform to quickly make any amendments to the act if the goals of the reform are not achieved," says Mr Shekarabi.

Further proposals in the Bill:

- Licensed operators must have a comprehensive duty to protect gamblers from excessive gambling.
- Strict requirements for moderation in marketing gambling will apply.
- Gamblers must be able to bar themselves from all gambling, and bonuses will not be permitted at any time other than the first gambling occasion.
- The possibility of blocking payment transactions between gamblers and unlicensed gambling operators will be introduced to ensure unlicensed operators are shut out of the market.
- The Swedish Gambling Authority will also be able to order internet service providers to set up warning messages for websites offering unlicensed gambling.
- Promoting gambling without a licence, for example through advertising, will be criminalised.

It is proposed that the new regulations enter into force on 1 January 2019.



Press release from Ministry of Finance

Government proposes new gambling act and new gambling tax act

Published 21 December 2017

The Government decided today to refer the proposal, 'A re-regulated gambling market', the Council on Legislation. A new gambling act and a new gambling tax act have been proposed. The new regulations will be designed as a licence system. It is proposed that the regulations enter into force on 1 January 2019.

"The central government will regain control of the Swedish gambling market. We are now proposing legislation entailing that operators receiving a licence to conduct activities targeting Swedish consumers must comply with Swedish rules. This will also give us the tools to keep those without a licence out," says Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi.

The new gambling regulations will be designed as a licence system, in which all operators providing gambling services in the Swedish market must have a licence. Operators without a licence will not be allowed to provide gambling services. The act will apply to all gambling for money in Sweden, including online.

The proposal referred to the Council on Legislation also proposes tightening the penalties for unlawful gambling activities and promoting unlawful gambling, and that a new criminal classification, gambling fraud, be introduced to address match fixing.

"Gambling activities must be conducted in a sound and safe way, subject to public supervision. This means gambling services must have a high level of

consumer protection and safety, and that gambling services are not used to support criminal activities. Match fixing has no place in Swedish sport and must be stopped," says Mr Shekarabi.

It is proposed that the new regulations enter into force on 1 January 2019. Licence applications can be submitted from July 2018.

"I am pleased that there is broad political consensus on the need for these reforms. We now need to continue our efforts and review the conditions for the equine industry and sports movement, both of which play an extremely important role in Swedish society," says Mr Shekarabi.



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Press release from Ministry of Finance

The Government has appointed Camilla Rosenberg as Director-General and head of the Swedish Gambling Authority

Published 20 October 2017

Camilla Rosenberg came to the Swedish Gambling Authority in September 2015 as head of the operations department with responsibility for the Authority's permit and supervisory activities, and has been acting Director-General since May 2017.

"We are currently in an important phase for Swedish gambling policy, and I am delighted to be in a position to recruit an experienced and popular Director-General with good experience of the gambling market," says Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi.

Ms Rosenberg previously worked at the Swedish Energy Agency, where she held various managerial positions, including most recently that of chief legal officer. She has also previously worked at the Swedish Gambling Authority and as a tax adviser.

"I look forward to leading the major reorganisation of the Swedish Gambling Authority that is now necessary, together with all of my colleagues at the Authority", says Ms Rosenberg.

The term of appointment is from 19 October 2017 to 31 October 2023.

Ms Rosenberg was born in 1966 and holds a Master of Laws from Uppsala University



Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Employment, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice

Government reshuffle, 25 May 2016

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Newly appointed ministers

Minister for the Environment (Ministry of the Environment and Energy):
Karolina Skog (Green Party)

Minister for Housing and Digital Development (Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation): Peter Eriksson (Green Party)

Minister for EU Affairs and Trade (Ministry for Foreign Affairs): Ann Linde (Social Democratic Party)

Changes by ministry

Prime Minister's Office

- Minister for Policy Coordination and Energy Ibrahim Baylan will be responsible for policy coordination and energy issues.
- Minister for Strategic Development and Nordic Cooperation Kristina Persson leaves the Government.
- The Government will establish a Committee for Strategic Development under the Prime Minister's Office.

Ministry of Employment

- Ylva Johansson's title is changed to Minister for Employment and

Integration.

Ministry of Finance

- Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi will be responsible for eGovernment.

Ministry of Justice

- Minister for Justice and Migration Morgan Johansson will be responsible for arms export control issues.

Ministry of the Environment and Energy

- Minister for the Environment Karolina Skog takes office as head of Ministry, with responsibility for environmental issues and urban environment agreements.

- Minister for Climate and the Environment Åsa Romson leaves the Government.

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

- Minister for Housing and Digital Development Peter Eriksson takes office, with responsibility for housing and digital development issues.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

- Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate Isabella Lövin will be responsible for international development cooperation and climate issues and is Deputy Prime Minister, but will not substitute for the Prime Minister.

- Minister for EU Affairs and Trade Ann Linde takes office, with responsibility for EU affairs and trade issues.

- Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallström will be responsible for Nordic affairs.

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Press release from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Finance, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Government appoints delegation for Sweden's implementation of 2030 Agenda

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Today, Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi, Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin and Minister for Strategic Development and Nordic Cooperation Kristina Persson presents the delegation that has been instructed by the Government to support and stimulate Sweden's implementation of the UN's 2030 Agenda and its Global Goals for Sustainable Development. The delegation will produce an overarching action plan for Sweden's implementation of the 2030 Agenda and draw attention to examples of best practice in the area.

"The Government's ambition is for Sweden to be a leader in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The 2030 Agenda and the 17 Global Goals are largely in line with the objectives set by the Riksdag in various policy areas. In several areas, there are already initiatives, action plans and strategies today that will help achieve the 2030 Agenda goals. Sweden has a strong starting position and our work on the 2030 Agenda will enhance sustainable development in Sweden, as well as in the rest of the world. The delegation will have a very important role to play in this work," says Minister for Public Administration Ardalan Shekarabi.

The aim of the delegation is to promote, facilitate and stimulate the work of

implementing the 2030 Agenda. The remit includes conducting a survey and assessment of the extent to which Sweden fulfils the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda; submitting proposals for an overarching action plan for Sweden's implementation; and disseminating information on examples of best practice in the area of socially, economically and environmentally sustainable development, and working to ensure these win attention.

"One of the strengths of the Global Goals is that they apply to all countries. This is the world's chance to eradicate poverty and oppression, and transition to sustainable societies. Development aid will play a central role in reaching the most vulnerable people of all, but decisions must come from every policy area to help overcome obstacles and create opportunities for sustainable development. The delegation is essential for advancing this work. We as a Government have a special responsibility, but broad public engagement is needed to ensure the 2030 Agenda becomes reality," says Minister for International Development Cooperation Isabella Lövin.

The Chair and members of the delegation together have a wide range of skills and experience. Issues they have worked on include human rights, CSR, culture, the environment, local government, public authorities, business, civil society, research and international development work.

The following people will make up the delegation:

Parul Sharma (Chair)

Head of CSR Compliance at Advokatfirman Vinge and Dean of the Academy for Human Rights in Business.

Ida Texell

Director and head of rescue operations at Attunda fire brigade.

Mattias Klum

Photographer, filmmaker and author, specialising in nature, culture and global environmental issues.

Ingrid Petersson

Director General of the Swedish Research Council Formas.

Johan Hassel

CEO of Global Challenge, an independent Swedish think tank.

Johan Rockström

Professor of Environmental Science at Stockholm University and Executive

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Johanna Sandahl

Chair of the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation.