

Ministers



"Sweden is to be one of the best countries in the world in which to start and run a business. It must be more profitable and less complicated to be an entrepreneur."



"Tomorrow's infrastructure must link people and regions in an efficient, energy-effective, environment-friendly and secure manner. We must have a reliable infrastructure that encourages enterprise and jobs throughout the country."

Maud Olofsson *Minister for Enterprise and Energy, head of the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications and Deputy Prime Minister*

Åsa Torstensson *Minister for Communications*

This is what we are working for

The Government's objective is to break the pattern of social exclusion by creating conditions for more jobs in more and growing businesses. Based on this goal the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications has formulated the following political priorities for work during this electoral period:

More jobs in more and growing businesses

- Sweden is to be the most enterprising and innovative country in Europe
- It is to be easy, enjoyable and profitable to run a business

Vigorous communities in all parts of Sweden

Combining environment and enterprise

- Modern communications simplify everyday life for people and businesses
- Building bottom-up generates local and regional competitiveness
- Sweden is to lead the development towards sustainable energy and transport solutions
- Environmental policy as a level for global competitiveness

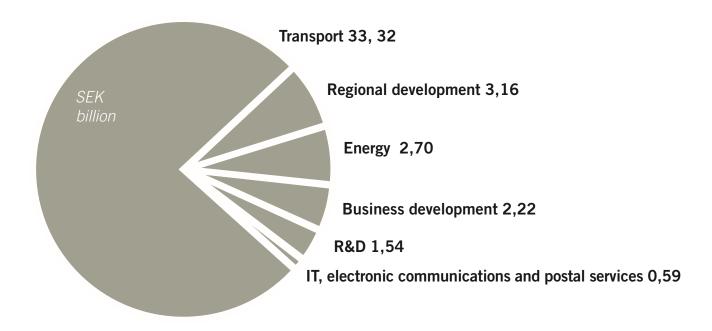
Areas of responsibility

The Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications is responsible for handling government business in the following areas:

- Enterprise
- Regional development
- R&D
- Communications/IT
- Infrastructure
- Energy
- State-owned companies
- Competitiveness

Budget

In 2007 the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications is responsible for about SEK 44 billion. The government budget is divided into 48 different policy areas. The Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications is wholly or partly responsible for 6 of these areas, divided as follows:



Organisation

The Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications has about 300 employees, including some 15 political appointees.

Political appointees

Minister for **Enterprise and Energy**

Maud Olofsson

State Secretaries

Jöran Hägglund Ola Alterå

Minister for **Communications** Åsa Torstensson

State Secretary Leif Zetterberg

Political staff

Permanent Civil Service staff

Director-General for Administrative Affairs

Secretariat for Legal Affairs

Directors-General for Legal Affairs

Secretariat for Administration

Secretariat for Strategic Coordination

Secretariat for Communication

ecretariat for EU and International Coordination **Divisions**

Entrepreneurship

Market and Competition

Regional Growth

State-Owned **Enterprises**

Energy

Research, Innovation and Industry Development

Infra-

structure

Information Technology

Transport

Policy



■ The Minister for Local Government and Financial Markets Mats Odell is placed in the Ministry of Finance, but is responsible for the administration and sale of certain state-owned companies, which is part of the area of responsibility of the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications.



■ The Secretariat for EU and International Coordination belongs to the Ministry of Employment for organisational purposes, but also acts as a secretariat for the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications. In the same way, the Secretariat for Administration and the Secretariat for Communication belong to the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications for organisational purposes, but also work for the Ministry of Employment.

Agencies and state-owned enterprises

The area of responsibility of the ministry includes a number of government agencies and public enterprises as well as the administration of a large number of enterprises with state ownership.

Government agencies

Board for Shipping Support

Geological Survey of Sweden

Institute for Growth Policy Studies

National Post and Telecom Agency

National Public Transport Agency

National Rail Administration

Oil Crisis Board

Railway Safety Fencing Board

Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems

Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth

Swedish Civil Aviation Authority

Swedish Companies Registration Office

Swedish Competition Authority

Swedish Energy Agency

Swedish Institute for Transport and Communication Analysis

Swedish National Electrical Safety Board

Swedish Road Administration

Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute

Swedish National Rural Development Agency

Swedish National Space Board

Swedish Patent and Registration Office

Swedish Rail Agency

Public enterprises

Swedish Civil Aviation Administration

Swedish Maritime Administration

Swedish National Grid

Swedish State Railways

Court

Court of Patent Appeals

Committees

Some matters the Government deals with are more difficult to solve than others and need a particularly thorough examination before a draft decision can be formulated. Prior to such decisions the Government may choose to appoint a committee of inquiry to look into the matter. Committees shed light on an issue in accordance with the terms of reference established by the Government.

The responsibilities of the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications include a number of ongoing committees.

State-owned enterprises

A-Banan Projekt AB

A/O Dom Shvetsii

Akademiska Hus AB

ALMI Företagspartner AB

Arbetslivsresurs AR AB

Botniabanan AB

Bostadsgaranti, AB

Green Cargo AB

Göta kanalbolag, AB

Innovationsbron AB

IRECO Holding AB

Kasernen Fastighets AB

Lernia AB

Luossavaara-Kiirunavaara AB, LKAB

Nordea Bank AB

Norrland Center AB

OMX AB

Posten AB

Samhall AB

SAS AB

SJ AB

SOS Alarm Sverige AB

SP Sveriges Provnings- och Forskningsinstitut AB

Specialfastigheter i Sverige AB

Sveriges Bostadsfinansieringsaktiebolag, SBAB

Statens Väg- och Baninvest AB

Stattum, Förvaltningsaktiebolaget

Sveaskog AB

Swedcarrier AB

Swedish National Road Consulting AB, SweRoad

Swedish Space Corporation

Swedish Ships Mortgage Bank

Svensk Bilprovning, AB

Svensk-Danska Broförbindelsen AB, SVEDAB

TeliaSonera AB

Teracom AB

V&S Vin & Sprit AB

Vasakronan AB

Vasallen AB

Vattenfall AB

Venantius AB

VisitSweden AB

Zenit Shipping AB







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