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Caretaker Government submits Budget Bill for 2027

The Caretaker Government presented the Budget Bill for 2027 to the Riksdag today. The budget is based on the principles that have been established by all parties in the Riksdag and ensures that necessary central government activities can be maintained until a new government takes office. A caretaker budget should not contain new policy.

The Budget Bill for 2027 is a caretaker budget. The main principle for a caretaker budget is that it is drafted based on the most recently adopted budget bill, i.e. the budget for 2026.

"We are in a unique political situation. The formation of a government is taking time, and we need to act accordingly. My message to the Swedish people is that, although we do not have an ordinary government in place, we are doing our part to ensure that central government activities continue to function well through the Caretaker Budget," says Minister for Finance Elisabeth Svantesson.

Certain exceptions have been made from the main principle, including necessary measures to maintain vital societal functions and to take account of adopted acts and concluded agreements.

Certain major proposals that deviate from the main principle

Reinforcement of Sweden's total defence

In a turbulent international environment, Sweden's total defence must continue to function well. Consequently, previously planned investments for

the reinforcement of Sweden's total defence remain in place, but with certain adjustments. This is supported by all parties in the Riksdag.

Increased age limit for earned income tax credit for senior citizens

The referred proposal to increase the age limit for earned income tax credit for senior citizens is included in the Budget Bill. It has been included in consideration of the principle of exception for legislative proposals that are politically uncontroversial and cannot be implemented in the ongoing fiscal year.

Investments in transport infrastructure

Increases in the appropriation for transport infrastructure were calculated in previous budgetary planning. The increases are in line with the Riksdag's decision on a new long-term financial framework for the infrastructure-planning period 2026–2037.

The Government also proposes increasing funding for investments in transport infrastructure based on defence needs. These investments are justified on the basis of the risks that an unchanged appropriation level would entail, i.e. the risk of decelerating the reinforcement of Sweden's total defence and the risk of being unable to maintain necessary activities.

The investments based on defence needs are part of the parliamentary agreement on defence financing. These investments necessitate a deviation from the goal of general government net lending during the period 2026–2034. They are not part of the financial framework for the long-term infrastructure-planning period 2026-2037.

Continued additional funding for the Swedish Prison and Probation Service

Several of the previously announced measures for the Swedish Prison and Probation Service remain in place either because they are legally binding or because they are needed in order to maintain vital societal functions. This is based on the principle that appropriations may be adjusted as a result of adopted acts and ordinances, international agreements, agreements that are binding under civil law or EU legislation. It is also based on the principle that appropriations may be adjusted if required to maintain vital societal functions.