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Appropriation warrant for the 2008 fiscal year concerning the Swedish Work Environment Authority

The Riksdag (Parliament) has enacted a resolution (Prop. 2007/08:1, utg.omr. 14, bet. 2007/08:AU1, rskr. 2007/08:73) concerning the activities of the Swedish Work Environment Authority (SWEA) for the fiscal year 2008.

The Government resolves that the following shall apply for the fiscal year 2008 concerning SWEA and the funding allocations indicated below.

ACTIVITIES

Policy field	Field of activity	Branch of activity
Working life policy	Work environment	Rules and standards
		Surveillance
		International work
		Work injury statistics
		Information
		Partite funding

1. Control of activities

1.2 Working life policy field

Goals

Good working conditions and opportunities of development at work for both women and men.

1.1.1 Work environment policy field

Goals

A work environment which prevents ill-health and accidents, is adapted to people's differing physical and mental capabilities and is developmental for the individual.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall present an assessment of how the activities are contributing towards achievement of the goal for the field of activity. An assessment shall be made of the impact of external factors on the outcome of the SWEA's initiatives and prospects of achieving the goal for the field of activity. Among other things the report shall include an account of

developments with regard to the indicators for the work environment stated in the Government Budget Bill for 2008 (Prop. 2007/08:1, utg.omr. 14, section 3.3.1), i.e.

- The number of fatal accidents at work (Source: SWEA /Social Insurance Agency)
- The number of work accidents reported (Source: SWEA /Statistics Sweden (AKU) and Eurostat)
- The number of work-related illnesses reported (Source: SWEA /Statistics Sweden)
- Disorders: Employees and ill-health (Source: SWEA and Statistics Sweden)
- Demand/control in working life. Proportion unable to dismiss thoughts of work when off duty and proportion having little scope for manoeuvre. (Source: SWEA)

All indicators are to be broken down by gender.

1.1.1.1 Rules and standards branch of activity

Goals

Distinct and accessible rules and standards effectively contributing towards the creation of healthy, safe and developmental work environments.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall describe and comment on activities during the year. This includes a general account of the implications of and reasons for statutory instruments issued during the year.

1.1.1.2 Surveillance branch of activity

Goals

Inspection activities shall be uniformly structured.

Targeted inspection activities shall refer to the workplaces with the greatest risk of ill-health and accidents and to products/substances presenting the greatest health hazards.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall in general terms describe and comment on its surveillance measures, market surveillance included. The account shall indicate the number of stipulations made in inspection notices, together with injunctions and prohibitions, the main focus of stipulations made, the total number of workplaces visited and the number of follow-up visits. As regards market surveillance, the number of new market surveillance transactions shall be stated and a general description given of resources allotted and interventions taking place in the form of prohibitions and recall stipulations.

1.1.1.3 International work branch of activity

Goals

To contribute towards the development of international cooperation and international code promoting international and national work environment policy work.

SWEA shall comment generally on initiatives in the various parts of the field of activity during the year and the impact of Swedish standpoints on work at Nordic, EU and general international level.

1.1.1.4 Work injury statistics branch of activity

Goals

Dependable and accessible work injury statistics.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall give a general description of activities during the year. This shall include an account of the types of statistics which are being produced.

1.1.1.5 Information branch of activity

Goals

Information activities shall provide greater knowledge of work environment issues to employers, employees and others concerned and in this way contribute towards the development of work environment policy work. The information shall focus on areas in which it is judged to be an effective means of improving the work environment and where it is needed, having regard to information provided by other agencies.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall give a general description of the activities during the year. SWEA shall describe the information which is being disseminated and asked for and the grounds for major information initiatives occurring in the course of the year.

1.1.1.6 Partite funding branch of activity

Goals

To contribute towards improvements in work environment policy work by supporting regional safety activities and standards activities.

Feedback reporting

SWEA shall give an account of activities during the year, showing how the grant is allotted between regional safety delegate activities, training of regional safety delegates and standards work, the breakdown of grants between different industries, and a general assessment of the effects of the inputs. Concerning the portion of the grant used for training, SWEA shall give a general description of the content of the training.

A general account shall also be given of the recipients' own contributions and inputs in the fields where grants are made towards regional safety activities.

2 Other goals and feedback reporting requirements

Expenditure forecasts

SWEA shall present expenditure forecasts for 2008-2011 on the forecasting occasions indicated below. The forecasts shall be commented on both in relation to the preceding forecast and in relation to the budget. The forecasts are to be made in Hermes in accordance with instructions from the Swedish National Financial Management Authority (ESV).

- * 22nd January 2008
- * 10th March 2008
- * 9th May 2008
- * 1st August 2008
- * 30th October 2008

4 Remit

Diminishing funding allocations

As part of the SWEA's process of adjustment to the reduced funding allocations for the period 2007-2009, SWEA and the Government Offices (the Ministry of Labour) shall conduct a dialogue concerning major adjustments to activities.

Simplification process

In its framing of Provisions, General Recommendations and other policy documents, SWEA shall endeavour to reduce the administrative expenses incurred by enterprises due to national regulations. In its activities generally, SWEA shall endeavour to simplify matters for enterprise.

Within its sphere of responsibility, SWEA shall assist the Government Offices (the Ministry of Labour) in the task of compiling input documentation for the Government's action plan of regulatory simplification for enterprise. Among other things the remit includes giving an account of the nature and thrust of the work of simplification conducted within the SWEA and of simplification measures introduced. A report on the remit shall be submitted during 2008. The content of the remit may come to be more closely defined in a Government Resolution at the beginning of 2008.

As part of the quantification of the administrative expenses of enterprise, SWEA shall assist the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Nutek) in the task of quantifying changes to the SWEA's Provisions and General Recommendations impacting on the administrative expenses of enterprise.

Other matters

In its day-to-day work and prior to decisions concerning new measures or investments during the 2008 fiscal year, SWEA shall take into account the coming organisational changes entailed by the formation of a single transport inspection organisation; see Transportstyrelseutredningen N2007:5.

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