



Who's who in the Danish Parliament and the Government

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THE PARTIES IN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT

The political parties in the Danish Parliament are structured in various ways. But all of them have a national organisation and a parliamentary group. Members of a party's national organisation are the party's "rank and file". As the name implies, the parliamentary group comprises those Members of the Danish Parliament who are attached to a given political party.

The party chairperson is the head of the national organisation. The parliamentary group is led by the group chairperson. Almost all parliamentary parties elect a vice-chairperson.

The group secretary assists the chairperson with his or her everyday work in the group. Finally, there is a number of spokespersons in the parliamentary group who, depending on the subject in question, speak on behalf of the group during debates. It is therefore the political spokesperson who makes statements on general political and financial issues.

PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

	Number of Members
Venstre (The Liberal Party) (V)	47
Socialdemokratiet (The Social Democratic Party) (S)	45
Dansk Folkeparti (The Danish People's Party) (DF)	22
Radikale Venstre (The Social Liberal Party) (RV)	17
Socialistisk Folkeparti (The Socialist People's Party) (SF)	15
Enhedslisten (The Unity List) (EL)	12
Liberal Alliance (Liberal Alliance) (LA)	9
Det Konservative Folkeparti (The Conservative Party) (KF)	8
Inuit Ataqatigiit (Greenland) (IA)	1
Siumut (Greenland) (SIU)	1
Sambandsflokkurin (The Faroe Islands) (SP)	1
Javnaðarflokkurin (The Faroe Islands) (JF)	1

Total number of Members

179

Party chairpersons

Lars Løkke Rasmussen (V)
 Helle Thorning-Schmidt (S)
 Kristian Thulesen Dahl (DF)
 Klaus Frandsen (RV)
 Anette Vilhelmsen (SF)
 Anders Samuelsen (LA)
 Lars Barfoed (KF)

Group chairpersons

Kristian Jensen (V)
 Henrik Dam Kristensen (S)
 Peter Skaarup (DF)
 Sofie Carsten Nielsen (RV)
 Anne Baastrup (SF)
 Per Clausen (EL)
 Simon Emil Ammitzbøll (LA)
 Brian Mikkelsen (KF)

Vice-chairpersons

Inger Støjberg (V)
 Mette Gjerskov (S)
 Ane Halsboe-Larsen (S)
 Søren Espersen (DF)
 Camilla Hersom (RV)
 Rasmus Helveg Petersen (RV)
 Karina Lorentzen Dehnhardt (SF)
 Pernille Skipper (EL)
 Tom Behnke (KF)

Group secretaries

Lars Chr. Lilleholt (V)
 Ole Hækkerup (S)
 Martin Henriksen (DF)
 Rasmus Helveg Petersen (RV)
 Karina Lorentzen Dehnhardt (SF)
 Frank Aaen (EL)
 Leif Mikkelsen (LA)
 Mai Henriksen (KF)

Political spokespersons

Ellen Trane Nørby (V)
 Magnus Heunicke (S)
 Kristian Thulesen Dahl (DF)
 Sofie Carsten Nielsen (RV)
 Jonas Dahl (SF)
 Johanne Schmidt-Nielsen (EL)
 Simon Emil Ammitzbøll (LA)
 Lars Barfoed (KF)

THE PRESIDIUM OF THE DANISH PARLIAMENT

The Presidium comprises the Speaker of the Danish Parliament and the four Deputy Speakers. The Presidium is responsible for the management of the Parliament's day-to-day administration and for meetings in the Chamber of the Danish Parliament.

Speaker: Mogens Lykketoft (S)

1st Deputy Speaker: Bertel Haarder (V)

2nd Deputy Speaker: Pia Kjærsgaard (DF)

3rd Deputy Speaker: Camilla Hersom (RV)

4th Deputy Speaker: Anne Bastrup (SF)

THE CABINET HELLE THORNING-SCHMIDT I

(The Social Democratic Party, The Social Liberal Party and The Socialist People's Party)

Appointed on October 3rd 2011. Reshuffled on October 16th 2012, on December 6th 2012

Prime Minister: Helle Thorning-Schmidt (S)

Minister for Economic Affairs and the Interior : Margrethe Vestager (RV)

Minister for Business and Growth: Henrik Sass Larsen (S)

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Villy Søvndal (SF)

Minister for Finance: Bjarne Corydon (S)

Minister for Justice: Morten Bødskov (S)

Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education:

Morten Østergaard (RV)

Minister for Taxation: Holger K. Nielsen (SF)

Minister for Culture: Marianne Jelved (RV)

Minister for Transport: Pia Olsen Dyhr (SF)

Minister for Housing, Urban and Rural Affairs: Carsten Hansen (S)

Minister for Employment: Mette Frederiksen (S)

Minister for Education : Christine Antorini (S)

Minister for Social Affairs, Children and Integration: Annette Vilhelmsen (SF)

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries: Karen Hækkerup (S)

Minister for Climate, Energy and Building: Martin Lidegaard (RV)

Minister for Trade and European Affairs: Nick Hækkerup (S)

Minister for Health: Astrid Krag (SF)

Minister of Defence: Nicolai Wammen (S)

Minister for the Environment: Ida Auken (S)

Minister for Gender Equality and Ecclesiastical

Affairs and Minister for Nordic Cooperation: Manu Sareen (RV)

Minister for Development Cooperation: Christian Friis Bach (RV)