



# STATSMINISTERENS KONTOR

*Office of the Prime Minister*

## Press Release

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### **New state secretary**

In today's session of the Council of State, the King has appointed Ms. Christine Benedichte Meyer (37), vice principal, Bergen, as state secretary in the Ministry of Labour and Government Administration.

The Government represents the Christian Democratic Party (Chr.), the Conservative Party (C) and the Liberal Party (Lib.) The list of state secretaries now is as follows:

#### *Office of the Prime Minister:*

Ms. Kari Husøy (49), head of secretariat, Bærum (Chr.)  
Mr. Gunnar Husan (54), special advisor, Oslo (Chr.)  
Mr. Odd Jostein Sæter (52), special advisor, Oslo (Chr.)  
Mr. Eirik Ola Hektoen Moen (48), general secretary, Oslo (C)  
Mr. Gunnar Kvasheim (48), editor, Egersund (Lib.)

#### *Ministry of Foreign Affairs:*

Ms. Elsbeth Tronstad (45), director, Bærum (C)  
Mr. Vidar Helgesen (32), law clerk, Oslo (C)  
Mr. Kim Traavik (55), director general, Oslo (C)

#### *Ministry of Finance:*

Mr. Øystein Børner (33), political advisor, Oslo (C)  
Ms. Kari Elisabeth Olrud Moen (32), executive officer, Oslo (C)  
Mr. Knut Arild Hareide (28), business development manager, Oslo (Chr.)

#### *Ministry of Cultural Affairs,*

*(and church affairs in the Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs):*

Revd. Berit Øksnes Gjerløw (42), vicar, Skiptvet (Chr.)  
Mr. Yngve Johan Slettholm (45), senior scientific officer, Oslo (Chr.)

*Ministry of Agriculture:*

Mr. Leif Helge Kongshaug (52), headmaster, Averøy (Lib.)

*Ministry of Justice and the Police:*

Major General Jørn Holme (42), acting judge advocate general, Stabekk (Lib.)

Ms. Rita Sletner (41), personnel manager, Hærland (Lib.)

*Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (health affairs):*

Ms. Kristin Ravnanger (49), city councillor, Bergen (Chr.)

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs (international development affairs):*

Mr. Olav Kjørven (37), director, Oslo (Chr.)

*Ministry of Petroleum and Energy:*

Ms. Brit Skjelbred (52), director, Trondheim (Chr.)

*Ministry of Children and Family Affairs:*

Mr. Odd Anders With (46), second vice moderator, Trondheim (Chr.)

*Ministry of Education, Research and Church Affairs,  
(except church affairs):*

Mr. Bjørn Haugstad (32), research fellow, Trondheim (C)

Mr. Helge Ole Bergesen (52), research fellow, Stavanger (C)

*Ministry of Fisheries:*

Ms. Solveig Strand (40), manager, Ålesund (C)

*Ministry of Labour and Government Administration:*

Mr. Lars Arne Ryssdal (37), head of secretariat, Asker (C)

Ms. Christine Benedichte Meyer (37), Bergen (C)

*Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (social affairs,  
inclusive department on administration and department on budget and economy):*

Mr. Osmund Kaldheim (37), director, Fet (C)

*Ministry of Trade and Industry:*

Ms. Helle Hammer (36), director, Oslo (C)

Mr. Oluf Ulseth (35), director, Oslo (C)

*Ministry of Transport and Communications:*

Mr. Arnfinn Torbjørn Ellingsen (55), headmaster, Røst (Lib.)

*Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development:*

Mr. Anders Johan Henrik Eira (30), bank director, Kautokeino (C)

Ms. Kristin Ørmen Johnsen (48), dean, Drammen (C)

Mr. Morten Andreas Meyer (42), senior advisor, Hamar (C)

*Ministry of Defence:*

Commander Senior Grade Gunnar Heløe (42), Kolbotn (C)

*Ministry of the Environment:*

Mr. André Støylen (33), economist, Oslo (C)