



Who's who in the Folketing and the government

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THE PARTIES IN THE FOLKETING

The political parties in the Folketing 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 Folketing 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 (Liberal Party) (V)	47
Socialdemokratiet (Social Democratic Party) (S)	45
Dansk Folkeparti (Danish People's Party) (DF)	24
Socialistisk Folkeparti (Socialist People's Party) (SF)	23
Det Konservative Folkeparti (Conservative Party) (KF)	18
Det Radikale Venstre (Social Liberal Party) (RV)	9
Enhedslisten (Unity List) (EL)	4
Liberal Alliance (Liberal Alliance) (LA)	3
Inuit Ataqatigiit (Greenland) (IA)	1
Siumut (Greenland) (SIU)	1
Tjóðveldisflokkurin (The Faroe Islands) (TF)	1
Sambandsflokkurin (The Faroe Islands) (SP)	1
Outside the parliamentary groups (Independent) (UFG)	2

Total number of Members

179

Party chairpersons

Lars Løkke Rasmussen (V)
 Helle Thorning-Schmidt (S)
 Pia Kjaersgaard (DF)
 Villy Søvndal (SF)
 Lene Espersen (KF)
 Søren Bald (RV)
 Anders Samuelsen (LA)

Group chairpersons

Kristian Jensen (V)
 Carsten Hansen (S)
 Kristian Thulesen Dahl (DF)
 Ole Sohn (SF)
 Henriette Kjær (KF)
 Margrethe Vestager (RV)
 Per Clausen (EL)
 Anders Samuelsen (LA)

Vice-chairpersons

Anne-Mette W. Christiansen (V)
 Morten Bødskov (S)
 Mette Frederiksen (S)
 Peter Skaarup (DF)
 Tom Behnke (KF)
 Morten Østergaard (RV)
 Line Barfod (EL)

Group secretaries

Jens Vibjerg (V)
 Henrik Dam Kristensen (S)
 Søren Espersen (DF)
 Anne Baastrup (SF)
 Charlotte Dyremose (KF)
 Morten Østergaard (RV)
 Frank Aaen (EL)

Political spokespersons

Peter Christensen (V)
 Henrik Sass Larsen (S)
 Pia Kjaersgaard (DF)
 Villy Søvndal (SF)
 Henriette Kjær (KF)
 Margrethe Vestager (RV)
 Johanne Schmidt-Nielsen (EL)
 Anders Samuelsen (LA)

THE FOLKETING'S PRESIDIUUM

The Folketing's Presidium comprises the President of the Danish Parliament and the four Vice-Presidents. The Presidium is responsible for the management of the Folketing's day-to-day administration and for meetings in the Chamber of the Folketing.

President: Thor Pedersen (V)

1st Vice-President: Mogens Lykketoft (S)

2nd Vice-President: Søren Espersen (DF)

3rd Vice-President: Holger K. Nielsen (SF)

4th Vice-President: Helge Adam Møller (KF)

REGERINGEN LARS LØKKE RASMUSSEN

(Liberal and Conservative Parties)

Appointed on April 7th 2009, reshuffled on November 24th 2009, on December 20th 2009 and on February 23rd 2010.

Prime Minister: Lars Løkke Rasmussen (V)

Minister for Foreign Affairs: Lene Espersen (KF)

Minister for Finance: Claus Hjort Frederiksen (V)

Minister for Culture: Per Stig Møller (KF)

Minister for Economic and Business Affairs: Brian Mikkelsen (KF)

Minister for Taxation: Troels Lund Poulsen (V)

Minister for the Internal Affairs and Minister for Health: Bertel Haarder (V)

Minister for Transport: Hans Christian Schmidt (V)

Minister for Justice: Lars Barfoed (KF)

Minister for Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs and Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs:

Birthe Rønn Hornbech (V)

Minister for Employment: Inger Støjberg (V)

Minister for the Environment and Minister for Nordic Cooperation: Karen Ellemann (V)

Minister for Climate and Energy and Minister for Gender Equality: Lykke Friis (V)

Minister of Defence: Gitte Lillelund Bech (V)

Minister for Education: Tina Nedergaard (V)

Minister for Development Cooperation: Søren Pind (V)

Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries: Henrik Høegh (V)

Minister for Social Affairs: Benedikte Kiær (KF)

Minister for Science, Technology and Innovation: Charlotte Sahl-Madsen (KF)