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Report to the Government on the work of the Swedish Better Regulation Council

The Swedish Better Regulation Council has still to hold its first meeting since there has not been a quorum of the Council, so it has not been able to adopt any opinion either. A quorum of the Council was obtained with the appointment of two additional members, Christina Ramberg and Lennart Palm, on 27 January 2009. Stig von Bahr, the Council Chair, was appointed in December 2008.

Since there has not been a quorum of the Council, no notice has been distributed to say that government agencies and ministries can begin sending proposals and impact assessments to the Swedish Better Regulation Council. Nevertheless a number of cases have been received. By 30 January 2009 the Secretariat had received 17 legislative proposals. In cases received with a reply date before 27 January 2009 the Secretariat has only been able to reply that the Council has not yet been formally appointed. However, the Council will take a view on the cases that have been received and that have a reply period extending beyond 27 January 2009.

Brief information about the work of the Secretariat. The Secretariat has been put in place gradually over the period November 2008–January 2009 but is still not fully staffed. During this period the Secretariat has worked on planning and practical preparations for the work of the Council. By participating in a range of meetings, seminars and similar activities the Secretariat has also begun the task of spreading information about the forthcoming work of the Swedish Better Regulation Council. For example, the Secretariat has participated in the information seminars on better regulation arranged by the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications and conducted by the Ministry and its agencies in November 2008. In addition, the Secretariat has had meetings with representatives of the Board of Swedish Industry and Commerce for Better Regulation, the Swedish Federation of Business Owners, the County Administrative Board of Stockholm, the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth and the National Board of Trade. The

Secretariat has also met the bodies that are the counterparts of the Better Regulation Council in Germany and the Netherlands to learn about their experience.

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