



Annual report | The Royal House of Denmark 2007

Summary

Amongst the many engagements undertaken by members of the Royal Family during 2007, at home and abroad, the Swedish state visit in May was particularly noteworthy. Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia were accompanied by Crown Princess Victoria on a visit that focused on developments in the Øresund region and which saw, for the first time, the new Opera House being used during such a state occasion. The visit is dealt with separately in this report.

In September, the President of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, together with his wife, made a state visit to Denmark and, in October, The Queen and The Prince Consort carried out a state visit to The Republic of Korea. They were joined there by a large delegation representing Danish trade and cultural interests. The traditional summer cruise on board the Royal Yacht Dannebrog, which was 75 years old in May, included visits to Holbæk, Ruds Vedby, Frederiksværk, Sønderborg, Skive and also to Norway.

Among the happiest occasions for The Royal Family were the birth and christening of Princess Isabella, and Prince Joachim's engagement to Mlle Marie Cavallier. Another joyful event was the 40th wedding anniversary of The Queen and The Prince Consort which was celebrated in private.

Apart from accounts of the Swedish state visit and the development of the Øresund region, this annual report focuses on the craft workshop at Amalienborg Palace, which has now been completely renovated, and on the auction of a number of royal carriages.

Management and staff have continued to develop work practices within the Court. Internal communications have been further improved and, as something quite new, in May a staff outing was made to Dyrehaven, the deer park to the north of Copenhagen. A great deal of work has been done in planning a number of initiatives to develop skills and to introduce in-service training for both staff and management, and this will begin to be implemented early in 2008.

The annual report includes statements of the royal finances. The accounting period in this report is the calendar year from 1st January to 31st December, 2007.



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Lord Chamberlain

Amalienborg, 4 April 2008

The Danish Monarchy

The Danish Monarchy functions within the provisions of The Constitutional Act whereby The Queen exercises authority through the Government. Therefore any decisions by The Queen require endorsement by a cabinet minister. The Queen remains politically impartial in all respects.

Legislative power is exercised jointly by The Queen and the Danish Parliament. A bill must therefore be passed by Parliament and assented to by The Queen before becoming law. That assent is obtained at meetings of the Council of State which are presided over by The Queen. Government bills must be laid before such meetings before being submitted to Parliament but, in urgent cases, bills may be submitted and assented to outside the Council, subject to confirmation at the following meeting.

By tradition, the Royal Family is present at the opening of Parliament which takes place on the first Tuesday in October.

As part of the exercise of power, a number of recommendations are routinely submitted to The Queen for consideration. These include the appointment or dismissal of government ministers and senior civil servants. From time to time, Royal Decrees are promulgated, such as the implementation of legislation relating to Greenland and the Faroe Islands, or the issue of new coinage.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister meet regularly with The Queen to provide personal briefings on domestic and international affairs.

Judicial authority rests with the courts of law. The Queen can grant a pardon to convicted persons on the advice of the Minister of Justice, but there are relatively few instances where such a recommendation is made.

If The Queen is prevented from discharging her duties as Head of State due to absence or incapacity, The Crown Prince is appointed as regent. If the Crown Prince is similarly prevented, Prince Joachim or Princess Benedikte act in this capacity.

Activities and Events

During the course of a year, members of the Royal Family undertake a large number of official duties which include royal visits, inaugurations, anniversary celebrations and meetings. Every Thursday, the Royal website gives an update of engagements for the following two weeks. Apart from these official duties, members of the Royal Family undertake a large number of other tasks, including meetings with organisations and individuals, and they are involved in the internal planning of events which are not included in the official calendar.

The following are some of the activities and events during 2007.

The Anti-bullying Campaign

In February, The Crown Princess was involved in the launch of the Save the Children campaign to combat bullying amongst young children. The Crown Princess is the International Patron for the Australian Alannah & Madeline Foundation, which is committed to protecting children against violence, and she will use her experience from that organisation as a member of a steering group to develop a similar project in Denmark. A pilot scheme will be introduced in Århus, Gentofte and Kolding whereby children in nursery schools will be taught the concepts of tolerance, respect, consideration and enjoyment by means of games, conversation and play. The Crown Princess launched the project with a visit to the nursery school "Humlebien", "The Bumblebee", in Gentofte.

The Opening of Bazaar Fyn

On 24th March Prince Joachim officially opened Bazaar Fyn which, with an area of 7000 square metres in the centre of Odense, provides a market-place for large and small shops and has created more than 200 jobs.

Bazaar Fyn is modelled on the successful Bazaar West which was opened in Århus in 1996. It accommodates fruit and vegetable markets, grocers, kiosks, restaurants, butchers, fishmongers as well as stalls selling non-food items such as jewellery, clothing and leather goods. The bazaars are unique shopping and meeting places for people of different cultural backgrounds and have given hundreds of immigrants the opportunity to establish themselves within the community.

Princess Isabella – Birth and Christening

In the afternoon of 21st April, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess became parents to their second child, a healthy girl weighing just over 7 lbs. The Crown Prince was again present throughout the birth at the Rigshospital.

On Sunday, 1st July, Her Royal Highness Isabella Henrietta Ingrid Margrethe, Princess of Denmark, was christened in Fredensborg Palace Church. The godparents are Princess Mathilde of Belgium, Princess Alexia, Dr. Nadine Johnston, Dr. Christian Buchwald, Maj. Peter Heering and Mrs Marie Louise Skeel.

State Visit from Sweden

As a result of the development of the Øresund Region, cooperation between Sweden and Denmark has increased considerably over recent years. This cooperation was emphasised and strengthened by the state visit of Sweden's King and Queen, and The Crown Princess, from 9th to 11th May. One of the highlights of their visit was an extensive tour of the new town of Ørestad in the company of The Queen and the Prince Consort together with The Crown Prince. This was the first official visit by the Swedish Royal Family for 32 years and it is reported in greater detail on page 8.

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog – 75th Anniversary

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog began the season on 8th May when The Queen and The Prince Consort went on board. On 26th May, after visits to Rønne and Århus, the Dannebrog sailed past Kronborg and, as it did so, the castle saluted both the royal standard and also the yacht in celebration of its 75th anniversary. The naval chaplain held a service on the after deck as the yacht sailed through the Øresund and, on arrival in Copenhagen, the Sixtus battery fired a 27 gun salute to mark the occasion. After arrival, the Royal Family joined a celebration of the anniversary on board the yacht.

During the summer the Dannebrog also visited Stockholm and, for five days, she sailed together with the Royal Yacht Norge in Norwegian waters. The Dannebrog then visited Holbæk, Frederiksværk and Århus and, at the end of the season, official visits were made to Sønderborg and Skive. The official disembarkation was on 19th September.

Young Artists

On 10th June, The Queen, together with Princess Benedikte and Queen Anne-Marie, presented the Queen Ingrid Awards to promising young artists to encourage them in their continued progress. The trust's committee is chaired by Princess Benedikte and this was the second occasion it has been possible to make these presentations. The grants were first awarded in 2005 on the 70th wedding anniversary of King Frederik IX and Queen Ingrid.

The presentations took place during a gala concert in Tivoli in the presence of many members of the Royal Family. In keeping with the spirit of Queen Ingrid, the repertoire consisted of Scandinavian music and the soloist was the Swedish soprano Anne Sofie von Otter.

The Lions Club Prize

The Lions Club in Denmark was one of the earliest organisations to be supported by The Prince Consort and, over the years, a close link has been established between the club and its Patron. The purpose of the Lions Club in Denmark is to establish and promote mutual understanding between world communities, to provide a forum for the open discussion of problems of common interest, and to raise funds for those in need in Denmark and abroad.

The organisation is able to rely on its Patron for the presentation of the annual Lion's Prize of 500,000 kroner which is awarded to institutions or individuals who have made an outstanding social or cultural contribution to national interests. At Marselisborg Palace on 18th June the prize for 2007 was presented by The Prince Consort to La Vida, an organisation which helps children with life-threatening illnesses. Amongst other things, La Vida will use these funds to provide fortnight holidays from hospital for children with cancer, and for their families.

Sport and Health

As an active sportsman and a strong advocate of the importance of exercise, The Crown Prince is anxious to be associated with sporting events through patronage, as a participant or as an enthusiastic spectator.

In June, The Crown Prince attended the Homeless World Cup in football which took place at Rådhuspladsen in Copenhagen. It was the fifth time that a world championship for the homeless has been held and 500 players from 48 countries took part.

In August, as skipper of the crew of nine on board the yacht "Nanoq", The Crown Prince took part in the 2007 Rolex Farr 40 World Championship. The Prince had taken the initiative to bring this prestigious event to Denmark and, together with the Royal Danish Yacht Club, he was instrumental in securing the tenth anniversary of this regatta for Copenhagen. "Nanoq" achieved a final result of eighth out of a total fleet of 26 yachts from 13 countries and was the highest placed Scandinavian yacht.

On the annual day in October to promote exercise, which is jointly organised by Dansk Skoleidræt, the organisation concerned with promoting school sports, and by The Danish Heart Foundation, The Crown Prince visited the Nordvang School in Glostrup to signal the start of a variety of games involving 700 children. The Prince urged the children to cultivate sport and healthy lives not just one day each year, but everyday.

The Mary Foundation

On 11th September, The Crown Princess held an initial meeting to establish "The Mary Foundation - H.R.H. Crown Princess Mary's Foundation". The new foundation arises from The Crown Princess's strong interest in social affairs and from her wish to make some change for those who are disadvantaged or feel excluded. The purpose of the foundation is "to work for the benefit of children, adults and families where there is a sense of social isolation or exclusion as a consequence of environment, inheritance, illness or other factors".

The foundation has been set up using funds from a nationwide wedding gift to The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess in May, 2004. As co-founders, a number of Danish trusts and organisations have contributed to the financial reserves of the foundation.

State Visit from Brazil

The visit by Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Mrs Marisa Leticia Lula da Silva from 11th to 12th September was the first time a Brazilian president has made a state visit to Denmark. The arrangements included visits to The Danish Shipowners Association, The Federation of Danish Trade Unions and The Confederation of Danish Industries. Earlier in the year, Denmark and Brazil reached an agreement that will make it possible for Denmark to purchase CO2 quotas from Brazil. Additionally, Brazil is an important partner in the preparations for the UN Climate Conference in 2009 which will be held in Copenhagen.

The Queen and The Prince Consort were hosts at a gala banquet at Fredensborg Palace. In her speech, The Queen laid emphasis on the fact that Brazil is Denmark's largest trading partner in Latin America and underlined the importance of the long-standing economic and business links.

The Crown Prince and Princess in New York and Romania

During the year, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess undertook two official visits abroad.

New York

From 17th to 21st September, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess were in New York to support Danish business through the cultural and trade promotion "Creative Nation" which was arranged by a number of Denmark's largest trade organisations, the Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs and the Trade Council of Denmark. Visits by The Crown Prince included the pharmaceutical firm Lundbeck, the U.S. Coast Guard in New York and the New York Stock Exchange, while the Crown Princess visited the newly-opened Bikuben Academic Guest House for Danish students and the department store Takashimaya, where Danish designers exhibited fashion and design items.

Romania

At the invitation of President Traian Băsescu, from 8th to 9th October The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess carried out an official visit to Bucharest in Romania. The Crown Prince attended the Romanian parliament and The Crown Princess visited the Victor Babes Hospital. The royal couple also visited the Art Collections Museum and, before their return home, there was a brief opportunity to see the historic towns of Sibiu and Sighisoara.

Culture and Design

During the course of the year, The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess, either together or individually, were involved in a number of arrangements that focused on Danish culture and design.

The Danish Design Prize is intended to demonstrate the extent to which design can contribute through innovation, quality, functionality, social awareness and aesthetics, and of how design can be an important factor in the economic success of a company. In 2007, twelve companies were selected for awards and The Crown Prince presented the prizes at the Danish Design Centre in Copenhagen in March.

In September, for the third time, The Crown Prince and Princess presented their own Culture Prize to a leading Danish artist. At a gala concert in the Opera House in Copenhagen The Crown Prince presented the prize of 500,000 kroner to the actress Sonja Richter who was praised for her “unique ability to shine through”. The Culture Prize was established by the foundation, Bikuben-fond, as a wedding present to The Crown Prince and Princess in May, 2004.

As Patron, The Crown Prince attended the October opening of the cabinet-makers’ autumn exhibition, “Furniture for your old age”, at the Factory of Art and Design in Copenhagen. The purpose of this annual exhibition by cabinet-makers is to display new and experimental furniture of excellence in terms of usefulness, craftsmanship and design.

Prince Joachim’s Engagement to Marie Cavallier

On 3rd October, the Court was pleased to announce the engagement of Prince Joachim and Mlle Marie Cavallier. At a meeting of the Council of State on the same day, and as required by the Act of Succession to the Danish Throne, 1953, The Queen gave her consent to the marriage. The wedding will take place on Saturday, 24th May, 2008, in Møgeltønder Church and the service will be conducted by Bishop Erik Norman Svendsen. After the wedding Mlle Marie Cavallier will be given the title Her Royal Highness Princess Marie.

Marie Cavallier is a French citizen and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. In connection with the marriage she wishes to convert to the evangelical-Lutheran Church and to become a Danish citizen.

In recent years Marie Cavallier has worked in the financial sector and, previously, she was employed in IT and marketing. She has studied international commerce and economics at universities in Boston and Geneva and has a degree of Bachelor of Arts from Marymount Manhattan College in New York.

State Visit to The Republic of Korea

During their first state visit to The Republic of Korea from 8th to 10th October, The Queen and The Prince Consort were accompanied by a delegation representing 36 Danish businesses. There is a growing wish to increase cooperation with South Korea, a high-technology country that has made a global impact in the fields of telecommunications, television and IT hardware, in particular, but also has large motor-car and shipbuilding industries.

Samsung and Hyundai were amongst the huge industrial complexes visited by The Queen and, in addition, a large business seminar was arranged by Danish companies. Danish firms associated with design and the energy sectors were of particular interest to the Koreans.

The arts were prominently represented and 48 Danish artists exhibited their work in Seoul in connection with the royal visit. An exhibition at The Seoul Museum of Art focused on Danish art and design, the renowned Gana Art Gallery exhibited Danish glassware and the Total Museum of Contemporary Art showed Danish videos. Ballet, opera, theatre and music were also represented during the visit in addition to Danish paintings and design.

The emphasis on cultural events during the state visit has established new links between Denmark and South Korea in a number of artistic areas and has led to many new initiatives.

Concert for the New Regions at Fredensborg Palace

On 23rd October, representatives from the country’s five new regions, from the municipalities and from institutions, together with a number of government ministers, were invited by The Queen and The Prince Consort to a concert in the chapel at Fredensborg Palace followed by a light supper in the dome hall of the Palace. The purpose of the evening was to commemorate the new map of Denmark which has been in force since 1st January, 2007, when a number of municipalities were combined and the counties replaced by the new regions.

The New Knowledge and Culture Centre in Sønderborg

On 30th October, The Queen, together with The Crown Prince and Princess, took part in the opening of Alision, South Jutland's new knowledge and culture centre. The architecturally outstanding building is the first in Denmark to house centres of education, research and culture under one roof.

Alision consists of the University of Southern Denmark, a research park and, acoustically, one of Europe's finest concert halls for classical music. The interior of the concert hall, which provides a permanent home for the South Jutland Symphony Orchestra, has been decorated by the artist Olafur Eliasson.

World Diabetes Day

"It is a milestone that the UN has acknowledged that diabetes is an issue that should have its own United Nations Day". It was with these words that Prince Joachim, as Patron for The Danish Diabetes Foundation, expressed his support when, on 14th November, the first World Diabetes Day was commemorated internationally. Together with his sons, Prince Nikolai and Prince Felix, and many of those present at the occasion, Prince Joachim walked a symbolic 246 paces beside Peblingesøen in Copenhagen – one step for each of the million diabetics in the world.

Exhibition at Versailles

Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen houses the largest collection of silver furniture in Europe. In November, seventy of these works of art were sent on loan to Versailles in France as part of an exhibition to reproduce the splendour of the Palace during the time of Louis XIV, Le roi soleil, whose silver furniture was melted down for coinage in 1689 to finance the wars in Europe. The Danish furniture made up nearly half the 150 exhibits, the remainder of which came from Windsor Castle in England, and from Germany and Russia.

State Visit from Sweden: Focus on the Øresund Region

Ørestad, with its many new buildings, educational establishments and public institutions, is tangible evidence of the active cooperation between Sweden and Denmark in the Øresund Region and it was the central attraction during the state visit from Sweden in May.

King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, together with Crown Princess Victoria, were accompanied by The Queen, The Prince Consort and The Crown Prince during the three-day state visit and, on several occasions, the two generations followed separate programmes. The Crown Prince and the Swedish Crown Princess visited a number of institutions concerned with education, health and integration and the Swedish government was strongly represented by the active involvement of three senior ministers.

One of the main focal points of the visit was the rapid development of cross-border cooperation since the opening of the Øresund bridge in July, 2000, and, on 10th May, the Swedish and Danish royal families attended the opening meeting of the Øresund Committee, which is the official political forum concerned with integration in the Øresund Region.

That same afternoon The Queen and The Prince Consort, together with the Swedish royal couple, were received by young Danes and Swedes at the student residence Tietgenkollegiet, while Princess Victoria and The Crown Prince opened the new Ørestad High School. The innovative modern architecture at both locations has attracted considerable interest from outside the Ørestad Region. Princess Victoria and The Crown Prince also visited the Danish Sports Foundation in Brønby where they discussed with Danish and Swedish sportsmen and women the extent to which sport can help integration.

Another important aspect of the state visit was a Swedish-Danish seminar on cooperation in the energy sector which attracted considerable interest from Swedish and Danish companies involved in, for example, wind power, fuel cells, bio fuels and energy efficient buildings.

The Swedish royal family also visited a furniture factory specialising in modern Danish furniture design and Field's, the shopping centre in Ørestad.

As a reflection of the very close links across the Øresund, this very full programme concluded in the town hall of Malmø in Sweden where a dinner was given by the Swedish King and Queen to thank the host nation. This was the first time such a function has been held outside Denmark.

The New Craft Workshop

Seventy years ago, King Christian X rode every morning through the streets of Copenhagen from the riding school behind Christian VIII's Palace at Amalienborg. At that time the stables were in constant use, but the horses are now kept at Christiansborg Palace. In the autumn of 2007, after a complete renovation, the building was re-opened as a craft workshop and the cobblestones now echo to the sound of the household's painters, carpenters and laundry workers as they come and go.

For many years the building had been unused and, to some extent, it was in a state of disrepair. Together with the Palaces and Properties Agency of the Ministry of Finance, plans were drawn up which took into account the Agency's own concerns, which included the renewal of the roof, the removal of dry-rot and extensive work to strengthen the foundations.

The objective was to create a workshop at Amalienborg which would provide a more satisfactory work environment for the craftsmen and laundry workers in the Royal Household. Basing these trades in one location will also give staff the best opportunities for cooperation and, after the new building was taken into use, the workshops behind the other palaces at Amalienborg were closed.

The main purpose of the workshop is to preserve the cultural treasures within the palace, such as furniture, fixtures and fittings. The building contains workshops, stores and offices for the carpenters, painters and conservators and, in addition, it provides a laundry and linen store. As part of the restoration of the building, changing rooms and a luncheon room have been provided for personnel. These facilities are arranged over two floors and the lift also serves the attic which is used for storage. Mechanical ventilation has been installed and special extractors have been fitted in those spaces used for painting and in the vicinity of machinery in the carpenters' workshop. The new arrangement allows linen to be transported directly into the laundry on the ground floor without a change in level and, after laundering, it can be taken by lift to the linen store on the first floor. The new laundry is equipped with modern appliances to ensure the best possible working conditions.

Auction of Carriages

The auction of carriages at Christiansborg Palace on 24th November was the first time for 59 years that the Royal Stables has sold any of the carriages. And it was possibly the last time. Eight carriages, which previously had been used primarily on royal occasions, had been idle since the time of King Frederik IX in the 1960's and had fallen into disrepair. In 2007, the Royal Stables and the Court, after discussions with the Palaces and Properties Agency of the Ministry of Finance, decided to dispose of them. The money raised by the auction will be used to restore the remaining 32 carriages in the Stables.

Two of the carriages that have been sold are of particular interest. The first is a four seat landau with a leather roof that can be folded down in fine weather. This carriage was a gift from Tsar Alexander III of Russia to his Danish mother-in-law, Queen Louise. He was married to The Empress Dagmar. This Russian carriage was built in about 1900. The other noteworthy carriage, an elegant landau with silver fittings, was a gift from the city of Kolding to the then Prince Christian (later King Christian X) and Princess Alexandrine on the occasion of their wedding in 1898. In more recent years this particular carriage has been loaned for a number of open-air productions at the Grønnegård Theatre in Copenhagen.

The other coaches were built by Henry Fife who, at the time, was one of the leading carriage-makers in Denmark. He was brought to Denmark in the 1830's at the request of the royal family and his work included the golden carriage that is decorated with 24 carat gold-leaf. Amongst other occasions, The Queen and The Prince Consort use this particular carriage for the New Year levee.

Apart from this annual outing, the royal state coaches are often used in connection with official visits by heads of state, for the reception of foreign ambassadors when presenting their credentials, for important events within the royal family and during summer visits in the provinces.

The carriages are drawn by teams of two, four, six or eight horses, all of which have undergone a long training. However, it is unusual to use the largest team of eight horses and the last occasion was at the wedding of The Queen and The Prince Consort in 1967.

The Duties of the Monarchy

As Head of State, The Queen provides a focus for national identity, unity and pride at home and abroad. The Queen is supported in her many duties by Members of the Royal Family, who do so either individually or jointly. Every year, The Queen and the other members of the Royal Family carry out a great number of engagements throughout Denmark and abroad which include the reception of state and official visitors in Denmark and royal visits abroad. During these overseas visits, the Royal Family seeks to advance Denmark's commercial, cultural and social interests. Each year, members of the Royal Family undertake tours in the Danish realm and play an active role in opening exhibitions, in anniversary celebrations, and at inaugural ceremonies.

Patronage

Members of the Royal Family maintain contact with many aspects of Danish life through their patronage of societies, institutions and organisations, many of which have a charitable, humanitarian or cultural purpose. Through this association, the Royal Family is able to lend support by drawing attention to the objectives and work of these bodies. At the present time, about 300 organisations list a member of the Royal Family as patron or president, and The Queen and The Prince Consort each account for approximately one-third of this number. In addition, members of the Royal Family act as patrons for single events such as conferences, exhibitions and sporting occasions.

Audiences with The Queen

On specific days throughout the year, The Queen holds public audiences at Christiansborg Palace. On these occasions, persons have an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her involvement in some field in which they have a particular interest, for conferring a medal or some other recognition, or in connection with an official appointment.

During the year there were 21 public audiences, of which four were held by the Crown Prince in The Queen's absence. A total of about 1500 men and women were received in this way by The Queen or The Crown Prince.

In special circumstances, The Queen grants a private audience. In general, this is the practice in the case of heads of state, heads of government, foreign ministers and parliamentary delegations. In 2007 the Presidents of the Ukraine and Estonia, a parliamentary delegation from Albania, the Prime Minister of Hungary, the Foreign Ministers of Tunisia and Mongolia and the Polish Minister

of Defence were all received by The Queen. New ambassadors to Denmark are received by The Queen when they present their credentials – a power-of-attorney from their country's head of state – and departing ambassadors are similarly received in audience.

Foundations

During the course of the year, royal foundations provided financial assistance in cultural, scientific and humanitarian areas, in particular, and also in support of educational projects. Members of the Royal Family act as chairmen for these various foundations.

The Queen Margrethe and Prince Henrik Foundation, for example, assisted the Viking Ship Museum in Roskilde to acquire digital cameras for the reconstructed Viking ship "Sea Stallion from Glendalough". During the summer a crew of 65 research historians sailed this vessel from Roskilde to Dublin.

The Prince Joachim and Princess Alexandra Foundation provides support for the education of talented young people and, in 2007, the 26 years old musician Andreas Borregaard received a special grant towards his continued training at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

The Royal Greenland Foundation supported a number of projects in 2007, including the arrangements to bring a clown to the children's wards at the Queen Ingrid Hospital in Nuuk, work in connection with vulnerable children and young people by the Society of Greenlandic Children, a study tour for Greenlandic schoolchildren and improvements in the art collection of the Arctic Institute.

The King Frederik and Queen Ingrid Foundation gave special grant to INUTEK, The Technological Society of Greenland, for the mobile planetarium which is based in Nuuk but can be transported from township to township along the coast of Greenland. The planetarium is for educational purposes and shows the star legends and constellations as known in Inuit folk-lore.

The Queen's New Year Speech

For many Danes it has become a tradition to begin New Year's Eve by listening to The Queen's speech on television. The speech is directed towards the people of Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands and, in 2007, it was heard by over two million viewers for whom, once again, it gave a sense of national focus on the last evening of the year.

The Court

The Court supports and assists members of the Royal Family in the planning and discharge of their duties. During 2007, the Court has continued the work of the past few years to modernise the organisation, work practices and work content, with the objective of achieving a more rational, flexible and up-to-date operation with improved inter-departmental teamwork. The management structure has been strengthened by introducing greater delegation of responsibilities, by changing working practices, and by the involvement of staff in the organisation of future work.

There have also been radical changes to the IT system, which is now more user-friendly and is used, for example, in the organisation of larger functions, official visits, and in the supervision of honours.

Organisation

A court is the term used to describe the establishment concerned with the administration and management of a royal household. The Danish Court, which today numbers about 140, has a very long history and is steeped in tradition.

The Lord Chamberlain's Office, under the direct control of the Lord Chamberlain, has overall responsibility for matters related to The Queen and The Prince Consort and for coordinating the work of the various departments within the Royal Household.

The direct responsibilities of the Lord Chamberlain's Office include the planning of state visits and other major events involving the Royal Family, together with public relations, the library, financial control, personnel matters, information technology and property. In addition, the office deals with a number of domestic matters such as service staff, transportation, housekeeping, catering and workshops.

Headed by The Queen's Private Secretary, the Private Secretariat is responsible for advising The Queen on matters of state, for administering The Queen's diary, dealing with requests for patronage, and handling all matters related to honours and decorations, although the everyday administration of royal orders is dealt with by the Chapter of the Royal Orders of Chivalry.

Members of the Royal Family have traditionally been supported not only by the Lord Chamberlain's Office, but also by their own households. Nowadays, The Prince Consort, The Crown Prince and Princess, Prince Joachim and Princess Benedikte all maintain a small household.

The Military Household and the Captain of the Naval Household are seconded from the armed services by the Ministry of Defence. In addition, the Royal Household includes a number of special appointments such as the State Surveyor to the Royal Household, the Master of the Royal Hunt, and the Royal Chaplain.

Personnel matters

In 2005, the Lord Chamberlain's Office, the Royal Households of The Crown Prince and Princess, and the Association of Court Employees renewed the 2002 collective agreement. That agreement covered the period from 1st April, 2005, to 31st March, 2008. Of central importance in the agreement are the job categorisation and flexibility that were introduced to take account of future service needs, to improve the planning of work and to provide for the in-service training of household employees.

The past year has seen the introduction of a comprehensive management development programme and the planning of a general training scheme for Court employees in 2008 and thereafter. A new IT system has been introduced to assist management and all members of staff in the planning of work. The Lord Chamberlain's Office has also focused on the working environment and, in particular, on the suitability of work spaces. In cooperation with the Palaces and Properties Agency of the Ministry of Finance, the facilities for craftsmen and laundry staff have been rebuilt and planning has begun for a new kitchen and garage complex at Amalienborg Palace.

Environmental Initiatives

During 2007 the Royal Households formalised their environmental policy. The purpose has been to address environmental issues, internally and externally, within the economic and technical constraints imposed by the need to preserve the special character of the buildings. The policy is directed at all employees – those concerned with procurement as well as those who use the buildings, vehicles, plant and machinery on a daily basis.

The responsibilities of an internal committee have been extended to include environmental concerns and, in this respect, the committee has an interest in four areas: buildings, motor vehicles, the treatment of refuse, and procurement.

In order to ensure a greater focus on environmental concerns – not least in connection with state-owned property provided for the use of The Royal Family – there has to be a continued close cooperation with the Palaces and Properties Agency of the Ministry of Finance. A plan of action will therefore be issued in 2008.

Procurement and utilization practices are of particular importance and it has been decided that daily routines will be subject to environmental scrutiny. In this connection, it is intended that those involved with procurement will take an interest in the production of the items with which they are concerned and those with a departmental responsibility will exercise a constant control over property and material in their area. There is a general responsibility for reducing heating at night time, where this is not effected automatically, and for a reduction in the consumption of energy and resources.

Environmental measures are regularly discussed at meetings of the audit committee and applied throughout the Royal Households.

The Website

The Royal Households' website gives extensive information about the Royal House of Denmark and its members. It is constantly updated with information about the activities of the Royal Family, and with news and information about audiences, the presentation of awards and medals, and official appointments. Immediately after The Queen's speech on New Year's Eve, a transcript of the speech is placed on the website.

In addition, there is information about the palaces, the royal yacht, the royal collections including the crown jewels, the Royal Stables and Carriages Museum, the Gobelin tapestries at Christiansborg Palace and H.M. The Queen's Library, together with a history of the Royal Family. The address is www.kongehuset.dk.

Extracts from the Annual Report

The royal finances are presented here in summary form.

The full text is contained in the Danish version of the annual report which has been audited by the independent accountants KPMG.

General

The financial statements of the Civil List and the Parliamentary Annuity paid to The Crown Prince are presented in accordance with the provisions regarding class A enterprises under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In accordance with the Danish Personal Tax Act and the Danish Act on the Registration of Motor Vehicles, The Queen and the Prince Consort, The Crown Prince and Princess, Prince Joachim, Princess Benedikte are not subject to income tax or registration tax in relation to motor vehicles etc., but they are subject to the normal tax rules governing inheritances, gifts and property. Value added tax is reimbursed in accordance with the rules that also apply for state institutions, and the annual reimbursement is limited to a percentage of the parliamentary allowance corresponding to the current rate of value added tax.

The Civil List

The annual Parliamentary allowance to The Queen is laid down in The Civil List Act, as last amended in 2001.

That allowance is adjusted in accordance with movements in the pay index for employees in the state sector. The state has pension liabilities in respect of Court officials employed under the terms of the Civil List (employed by The Queen), and pension contributions to the Ministry of Finance, equivalent to the pension contributions paid by government ministries and state agencies, are paid from the Civil List.

The Parliamentary allowance is provided to meet the expenses of The Queen and The Prince Consort and the expenses of Princess Benedikte incurred in carrying out official engagements.

Total VAT rebate for 2007: 5,865,614 DKK.

The Civil List

Extract from financial statements

	2007 DKK	2006 DKK'000
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Income		
Parliamentary allowance	64,433,160	62,784
Other income	1,603,052	1,369
	66,036,212	64,153
Expenditure		
Staff costs	40,331,226	40,234
Court expenses	8,617,664	7,773
Administrative expenses	3,695,368	4,105
Property expenses	3,757,624	3,961
Depreciations	957,135	-
The Queen and The Prince Consort expenditure cap	8,392,419	8,178
	65,751,436	64,251
Net income before financial income and expenditure	284,776	- 98
Financial income	658,942	551
Financial expenses	284,114	301
Net income for the year	659,604	152

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
Fixed assets	8,805,392	-
Current assets	18,283,809	22,880
Total assets	27,089,201	22,880
Reserve and liabilities		
Reserve at 31 December	14,245,614	13,665
Current liabilities	12,843,587	9,215
Total reserve and liabilities	27,089,201	22,880

The Crown Prince

The Parliamentary annuity paid to The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Crown Prince Frederik of 2004. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Total VAT rebate for 2007: 1,440,174 DKK.

Prince Joachim

The Parliamentary annuity paid to Prince Joachim is laid down in the Act on the Annual Allowance to Prince Joachim, as last amended in 2004. The adjustment of that allowance and the reimbursement of value added tax follow the same principles which are applied to the Civil List.

Prince Joachim received an annual annuity of 2,001,277 DKK and reimbursement of 441,861 DKK value added tax.

The Parliamentary Annuity Extract from financial statements

	2007 DKK	2006 DKK'000
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Income		
Parliamentary allowance	15,859,993	15,454
	15,859,993	15,454
Expenditure		
Staff costs	9,670,716	9,280
Court expenses	1,681,499	1,766
Administrative expenses	546,948	681
Property expenses	863,075	412
Depreciations	98,844	-
The Crown Prince and The Crown Princess expenditure cap	3,171,998	3,091
	16,033,080	15,230
Net income before financial income and expenditure	- 173,087	224
Financial income	43,024	19
Net income for the year	- 130,063	243

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
Fixed assets	2,787,730	-
Current assets	2,011,684	2,277
Total assets	4,799,414	2,277
Reserve and liabilities		
Reserve at 31 December	1,837,438	243
Current liabilities	2,961,976	2,034
Total reserve and liabilities	4,799,414	2,277

