



Accrual Accounting in Sweden

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Transition to accrual accounting



- 1986 Local government changed their accounting model from a modified accrual accounting model to accrual accounting
- 1991 Central government changed to accrual accounting
- State budget is still mainly governed on cash basis
- 1996 Annual accounting act for local government and national standard setter were introduced

Specific issues



- How much accrual accounting is the swedish model?
- Pension accounting
- Infrastructural accounting
- Project accounting, for instance when it comes to specific grants (Mainly EU grants)
- Accounting for provisions

What are the problems?



- Financial reporting is still second in place in comparison to budgeteing
- Different choices in accounting and budgeting
- Educationlevel must improve
- The intrest for financial reporting must increase

Concluding remarks



- Sweden has not adopted IPSAS and there is no debate
- The accounting profession in Sweden are not aware of IPSAS
- The local standard setter within local government are not taking into account these international standards
- The central government have shown interest in them professionally
- There are several differences between accrual accounting in Sweden and accrual accounting in terms of IPSAS in terms of for instance disclosures?