**Advantages and disadvantages of public corporations**

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| Some industries are considered to be essential to the population so the government wants to make sure they are provided. | There are no private shareholders to insist on high profits and efficiency. |
| A natural monopoly is often owned by the government to make sure that the public are not taken advantage of. | Government subsidies (money given by the government) can lead to inefficiency as the managers will think money will also be available. Also, subsidies can be seen as unfair to private sector businesses. |
| The government will take/keep ownership of an industry to stop it failing and keep it open and secure jobs. | Often there is no close competition for public corporations, again leading to the chance of inefficiency. |
| Important public services, such as TV and radio, are often public sector so non-profitable services can be made available to the public. | Governments can use public corporations for political reasons. |