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1st May 2008

Dear Ms Hunt,

Retention of Political Fund Ballot

Our Independent Scrutineer’s report of voting in the above ballot, which closed at 5pm yesterday, is as follows:

Number of voting papers distributed for the purpose of the ballot.....	114,204
Number of voting papers distributed under rule 21 of the Political Fund Review Ballot Rules.....	1,150
Number of voting papers returned as undelivered	1,383
Total number of voting papers returned	30,966
Turnout:	26.8 %
Number of spoiled voting papers returned	37
Thus, number of valid voting papers counted.....	30,929

Question

“The Resolution is that the political objects set out in section 72 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 be approved as an object of the Union.

Do you vote in favour of the Resolution?”

Result:

Number voting YES.....	22,561	(72.9% of valid vote)
Number voting NO	8,368	(27.1% of valid vote)
Total:	30,929	(100% of valid vote)

The ballot papers will be stored in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 as amended by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993.



As Scrutineers appointed in accordance with section 76 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended by Schedule 1 of the Trade Union reform and Employment Rights Act 1993), we are satisfied as to each of the matters specified in subsection 78 (2) with regard to the ballot. The following points should also be noted:

1. The person appointed under section 77A to carry out the storage and counting of voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.
2. The person appointed under section 77A to carry out the distribution of voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.
3. A copy of the register of voters (as at the relevant date) was examined in accordance with section 78 (2A) (i).

We draw your attention to sections 78 (4), 78 (5) and 78 (6). Section 78 (4) requires that a copy of this report be published and made available to all members of The UCU within a three month period from today. This, however, does not mean that every member has to be notified individually.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christy Gerould". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'C'.

Christy Gerould
Project Manager
Electoral Reform Services