

NEC report to BECTU Annual Conference 2005

APPENDIX C: MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

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I attach the paid-up membership statistics for BECTU as at 31 December 2004 which will be used in annual returns and for calculating affiliations. (Scroll right if reading the table online.) The statistics should be read in conjunction with the Notes given on the next page. The previous five years' statistics are given for comparison (figures as at 31 December 1998 will be found in the NEC's report to conference 2004). For the fourth year there is a comprehensive gender breakdown on a geographical and divisional basis. I should once again like to thank the Database Administrator, Gabi Klösters, for her work in compiling these statistics.

The total membership shows a minute increase of 0.4% over the figure as at the end of 2003. Apart from a doubling in the (small) membership in the Republic of Ireland since the end of 2002, and steady growth in the Regional Production division, all other membership variations (including gender balance) since the end of 2003 are statistically unremarkable. Nor has there been any change in the number of divisional NEC representatives that would be elected were there to be an election in 2004 (which there is not, under rule 33(b)).

In the figures for the end of 2002 the number of members with unknown addresses dropped below 1,000 for the first time. By the end of 2003 the number fell significantly to 691. It has now fallen even further, to 455, or 1.7% of the total membership. The number of members claiming statutory exemption from contributing to the political fund has remained static, despite the political fund review ballot held in October-November 2004.

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NOTES TO THE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

¹ This is the number statutorily exempt through having contracted-out of contributing to the political fund. Members outside Great Britain are not required to contribute. Hence the total number of members *contributing* to the political fund as at 31 December 2004 is 25,526 (Great Britain membership minus statutorily exempt members).

² The figure in brackets after each division's membership is the number of NEC places determined by that membership. NEC places as at 31 December 2000, 2002 and 2004 are notional only, biennial NEC elections not being due the following years.

³ The divisional figures are subject to challenge by branches under rule 33(c). Challenges to the figures shown as at 31 December 1999 were successfully made, and resulted in an additional NEC place for a representative of the London Production division for the 2000-2002 term of office.

⁴ The definition of a paid-up member in rule 11(a) was altered at the May 2003 annual conference to include members with not more than six months of arrears. Previously only members with not more than eight weeks of arrears were included.

As at 31 December	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total paid-up membership:	24,728	25,799	24,631	25,064	26,192 ⁴	26,285
of which:						
Men:	16,257 (65.7%)	16,863 (65.4%)	16,330 (66.3%)	16,624 (66.3%)	17,604 (67.2%)	17,698 (67.3%)
Women:	8,471 (34.3%)	8,936 (34.6%)	8,301 (33.7%)	8,440 (33.7%)	8,588 (32.8%)	8,587 (32.7%)
Postal addresses unknown:	1,132 (4.6%)	1,197 (4.6%)	1,164 (4.7%)	996 (4.0%)	691 (2.6%)	455 (1.7%)
Exempt from political levy: ¹	71 (0.3%)	91 (0.4%)	98 (0.4%)	125 (0.5%)	161 (0.6%)	162 (0.6%)
Total members in:						
Great Britain:	24,222	25,293	24,162	24,571	25,614	25,688
of which:						
England:	21,077	22,013	21,149	21,394	22,320	22,453
Scotland:	1,900	1,941	1,761	1,882	1,940	1,882
Wales:	1,245	1,339	1,252	1,295	1,354	1,353
Total members in:						
Northern Ireland:	469	480	436	461	540	547
Republic of Ireland:	18	17	21	20	28	40
Channel Islands:	9	4	4	4	4	4
Isle of Man:	10	5	8	8	6	6
Total divisional memberships: ²						
Arts & Entertainment	5,760 (3)	6,193 (4)	5,732 (3)	5,473 (3)	4,933 (3)	4,937 (3)
BBC	6,717 (4)	6,758 (4)	6,079 (4)	6,390 (4)	6,820 (4)	7,182 (4)
Independent Broadcasting	2,977 (2)	3,059 (2)	3,097 (2)	3,160 (2)	3,281 (2)	2,956 (2)
Laboratories	860 (1)	780 (1)	695 (1)	653 (1)	586 (1)	529 (1)
London Production	5,943 (3) ³	6,377 (4)	6,322 (4)	6,500 (4)	7,188 (4)	7,062 (4)
Regional Production	2,471 (2)	2,632 (2)	2,706 (2)	2,888 (2)	3,384 (2)	3,533 (2)

GENDER BREAKDOWNS

	Men	Women
Total paid up membership 2001	16,330 (66.3%)	8,301 (33.7%)
Total paid up membership 2002	16,624 (66.3%)	8,440 (33.7%)
Total paid-up membership 2003	17,604 (67.2%)	8,588 (32.8%)
Total paid-up membership 2004	17,698 (67.3%)	8,587 (32.7%)
Members in England 2001	14,176 (67.0%)	6,973 (33.0%)
Members in England 2002	14,413 (67.4%)	6,981 (32.6%)
Members in England 2003	15,213 (68.2%)	7,107 (31.8%)
Members in England 2004	15,344 (68.3%)	7,109 (31.7%)
Members in Scotland 2001	1,029 (58.4%)	732 (41.6%)
Members in Scotland 2002	1,066 (56.6%)	816 (43.4%)
Members in Scotland 2003	1,142 (58.9%)	798 (41.1%)
Members in Scotland 2004	1,098 (58.3%)	784 (41.7%)
Members in Wales 2001	813 (64.9%)	439 (35.1%)
Members in Wales 2002	824 (63.6%)	471 (36.4%)
Members in Wales 2003	880 (65.0%)	474 (35.0%)
Members in Wales 2004	881 (65.1%)	472 (34.9%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2001	286 (65.6%)	150 (34.4%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2002	295 (64.0%)	166 (36.0%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2003	340 (63.0%)	200 (37.0%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2004	332 (60.7%)	215 (39.3%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2001	16 (76.2%)	5 (23.8%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2002	16 (80.0%)	4 (20.0%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2003	20 (71.4%)	8 (28.6%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2004	35 (87.5%)	5 (12.5%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2001	4 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2002	4 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2003	4 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2004	4 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2001	6 (75.0%)	2 (25.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2002	6 (75.0%)	2 (25.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2003	5 (83.3%)	1 (16.6%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2004	4 (66.7%)	2 (33.3%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2001	3,192 (55.7%)	2,540 (44.3%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2002	3,093 (56.5%)	2,380 (43.5%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2003	2,837 (57.5%)	2,096 (42.5%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2004	2,860 (57.9%)	2,077 (42.1%)
BBC division 2001	3,668 (60.3%)	2,411 (39.7%)
BBC division 2002	3,833 (60.0%)	2,557 (40.0%)
BBC division 2003	4,069 (59.7%)	2,751 (40.3%)
BBC division 2004	4,262 (59.3%)	2,920 (40.7%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2001	2,222 (71.7%)	875 (28.3%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2002	2,225 (70.4%)	935 (29.6%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2003	2,331 (71.0%)	950 (29.0%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2004	2,145 (72.6%)	811 (27.4%)
Laboratories division 2001	613 (88.2%)	82 (11.8%)
Laboratories division 2002	572 (87.6%)	81 (12.4%)
Laboratories division 2003	516 (88.1%)	70 (11.9%)

Laboratories division 2004	471 (89.0%)	58 (11.0%)
London Production division 2001	4,656 (73.6%)	1,666 (26.4%)
London Production division 2002	4,787 (73.6%)	1,713 (26.4%)
London Production division 2003	5,334 (74.2%)	1,854 (25.8%)
London Production division 2004	5,224 (74.0%)	1,838 (26.0%)
Regional Production division 2001	1,996 (73.8%)	710 (26.2%)
Regional Production division 2002	2,114 (73.2%)	774 (26.8%)
Regional Production division 2003	2,517 (74.4%)	867 (25.6%)
Regional Production division 2004	2,661 (75.3%)	872 (24.7%)