#### **NEC Conference Report 2008**

## APPENDIX C: STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF MEMBERSHIP

## **MEMORANDUM**

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To: All staff

**Subject: MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS** 

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I attach the paid-up membership statistics for BECTU as at 31 December 2007 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 for the years 1997 to 2001 will be found in the NEC's reports to conference 2003 and 2004). For the seventh 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 decline of 3.5% over the figure as at the end of 2006, predominantly in the BBC division where the decline in membership since 2005 has continued. London Production has increased its lead over the BBC division as the largest in the union. With NEC elections to be held in 2008 Regional Production has only just fallen short of a figure that would have provided it with an additional NEC member. The BBC division has lost the additional seat it gained in 2006. During 2007 the Laboratories division, sadly, concluded that the time was right to become a subdivision of the London Production division, and these statistics reflect this for the first time. The (still relatively small) membership in the Republic of Ireland has declined slightly, but membership on the Isle of Man and Channel Islands is on the point of extinction. Overall, the proportion of women members has fallen again, though in Scotland there was a net growth in (male) membership.

In the figures for the end of 2002 the number of members with unknown addresses dropped below 1,000 for the first time. The number fell significantly until 2006, but last year it appears to have bottomed out at 294, or just over 1% of the total membership. The number of British members claiming statutory exemption from contributing to the political fund has risen slightly since 2006, but is back at the 2003-2005 level.

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#### NOTES TO THE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

- <sup>1</sup> 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 2007 is 25,465 (Great Britain membership minus statutorily exempt members).
- <sup>2</sup> The figure in brackets after each division's membership is the number of NEC places determined by that membership. NEC places shown as at 31 December 2002, 2004 and 2006 are notional only, biennial NEC elections not being due the following years.
- <sup>3</sup> The Laboratories division ceased to exist with effect from 1 December 2007. Its membership at at 31 December 2007 is included in that of the London Production division.
- <sup>4</sup> 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. This produced an increase in the paid-up total as at the end of that year.

As at 31 December	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total paid-up membership: of which:	25,064	26,1924	26,285	27,354	26,543	26,210
Men: Women: Postal addresses unknown: Exempt from political levy:1	16,624 (66.3%) 8,440 (33.7%) 996 (4.0%) 125 (0.5%)	17,604 (67.2%) 8,588 (32.8%) 691 (2.6%) 161 (0.6%)	17,698 (67.3%) 8,587 (32.7%) 455 (1.7%) 162 (0.6%)	18,331 (67.0%) 9,023 (33.0%) 355 (1.3%) 160 (0.6%)	18,148 (68.4%) 8,395 (31.6%) 293 (1.1%) 155 (0.6%)	18,049 (68.9%) 8,161 (31.1%) 294 (1.1%) 161 (0.6%)
Total members in:						
Great Britain: of which:	24,571	25,614	25,688	26,710	25,950	25,626
England: Scotland: Wales:	21,394 1,882 1,295	22,320 1,940 1,354	22,453 1,882 1,353	23,417 1,943 1,350	22,684 1,863 1,403	22,348 1,871 1,407
Total members in:						
Northern Ireland:	461	540	547	585	539	534
Republic of Ireland: Channel Islands:	20 4	28 4	40 4	54	51 2	48
Isle of Man:	8	6	6	2 3	1	1
Total divisional memberships: <sup>2</sup>						
Arts & Entertainment	5,473 (3)	4,933 (3)	4,937 (3)	5,137 (3)	5,236 (3)	5,376 (3)
BBC Independent Broadcasting	6,390 (4) 3,160 (2)	6,820 (4) 3,281 (2)	7,182 (4) 2,956 (2)	8,217 (5) 2,438 (2)	7,372 (4) 2,246 (2)	7,068 (4) 2,164 (2)
Laboratories	653 (1)	586 (1)	529 (1)	407 (1)	335 (1)	2,104 (2)
London Production	6,500 ( <del>4</del> )	7,188 (4)	7,062 (4)	7,353 (4)	7,411 (4)	7,611 (4)
Regional Production	2,888 (2)	3,384 (2)	3,533 (2)	3,802 (2)	3,943 (2)	3,991 (2)

# GENDER BREAKDOWN: GEOGRAPHICAL

	Men	Women
Total paid up membership 2001 Total paid up membership 2002 Total paid-up membership 2003 Total paid-up membership 2004 Total paid-up membership 2005 Total paid-up membership 2006 Total paid-up membership 2007	16,330 (66.3%) 16,624 (66.3%) 17,604 (67.2%) 17,698 (67.3%) 18,331 (67.0%) 18.148 (68.4%) 17,681 (69.0%)	8,301 (33.7%) 8,440 (33.7%) 8,588 (32.8%) 8,587 (32.7%) 9,023 (33.0%) 8,398 (31.6%) 7,946 (31.0%)
Members in England 2001 Members in England 2002 Members in England 2003 Members in England 2004 Members in England 2005 Members in England 2006 Members in England 2007	14,176 (67.0% 14,413 (67.4%) 15,213 (68.2%) 15,344 (68.3%) 15,961 (68.2%) 15,764 (69.5%) 15,574 (69.7%)	6,973 (33.0%) 6,981 (32.6%) 7,107 (31.8%) 7,109 (31.7%) 7,456 (31.8%) 6,920 (30.5%) 6,774 (30.3%)
Members in Scotland 2001 Members in Scotland 2002 Members in Scotland 2003 Members in Scotland 2004 Members in Scotland 2005 Members in Scotland 2006 Members in Scotland 2007	1,029 (58.4%) 1,066 (56.6%) 1,142 (58.9%) 1,098 (58.3%) 1,111 (57.2%) 1,116 (59.9%)	732 (41.6%) 816 (43.4%) 798 (41.1%) 784 (41.7%) 832 (42.8%) 747 (40.1%) 706 (37.7%)
Members in Wales 2001 Members in Wales 2002 Members in Wales 2003 Members in Wales 2004 Members in Wales 2005 Members in Wales 2006 Members in Wales 2007	813 (64.9%) 824 (63.6%) 880 (65.0%) 881 (65.1%) 861 (63.8%) 904 (64.4%) 941 (66.9%)	439 (35.1%) 471 (36.4%) 474 (35.0%) 472 (34.9%) 489 (36.2%) 499 (35.6%) 466 (33.1%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2001 Members in Northern Ireland 2002 Members in Northern Ireland 2003 Members in Northern Ireland 2004 Members in Northern Ireland 2005 Members in Northern Ireland 2006 Members in Northern Ireland 2007	286 (65.6%) 295 (64.0%) 340 (63.0%) 332 (60.7%) 350 (59.8%) 324 (60.1%) 330 (61.8%)	150 (34.4%) 166 (36.0%) 200 (37.0%) 215 (39.3%) 235 (40.2%) 215 (39.9%) 204 (38.2%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 200 Members in the Republic of Ireland 200	02 16 (80.0%) 03 20 (71.4%) 04 35 (87.5%) 05 43 (79.6%) 06 37 (72.6%)	5 (23.8%) 4 (20.0%) 8 (28.6%) 5 (12.5%) 11 ((20.4%) 14 (27.5%) 11 (22.9%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2001 Members in the Channel Islands 2002 Members in the Channel Islands 2003 Members in the Channel Islands 2004 Members in the Channel Islands 2005 Members in the Channel Islands 2006 Members in the Channel Islands 2007	4 (100.0%) 4 (100.0%) 4 (100.0%) 4 (100.0%) 2 (100.0%) 2 (100.0%) 1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%)

Members in the Isle of Man 2001 Members in the Isle of Man 2002 Members in the Isle of Man 2003 Members in the Isle of Man 2004 Members in the Isle of Man 2005 Members in the Isle of Man 2006 Members in the Isle of Man 2007	6 (75.0%) 6 (75.0%) 5 (83.3%) 4 (66.7%) 3 (100.0%) 1 (100.0%) 1 (100.0%)	2 (25.0%) 2 (25.0%) 1 (16.6%) 2 (33.3%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%) 0 (0.0%)
GENDER BREAKDOWN: DIVISIONAL		
Arts & Entertainment division 2001 Arts & Entertainment division 2002 Arts & Entertainment division 2003 Arts & Entertainment division 2004 Arts & Entertainment division 2005 Arts & Entertainment division 2006 Arts & Entertainment division 2007	3,192 (55.7%) 3,093 (56.5%) 2,837 (57.5%) 2,860 (57.9%) 3,117 (60.7%) 3,283 (62.7%) 3,397 (63.2%)	2,540 (44.3%) 2,380 (43.5%) 2,096 (42.5%) 2,077 (42.1%) 2,020 (39.3%) 1,953 (37.3%) 1,979 (36.8%)
BBC division 2001 BBC division 2002 BBC division 2003 BBC division 2004 BBC division 2005 BBC division 2006 BBC division 2007	3,668 (60.3%) 3,833 (60.0%) 4,069 (59.7%) 4,262 (59.3%) 4,656 (56.7%) 4,342 (58.95) 4,214 (59.6%)	2,411 (39.7%) 2,557 (40.0%) 2,751 (40.3%) 2,920 (40.7%) 3,561 (43.3%) 3,030 (41.1%) 2,854 (40.4%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2001 Independent Broadcasting division 2002 Independent Broadcasting division 2003 Independent Broadcasting division 2004 Independent Broadcasting division 2005 Independent Broadcasting division 2006 Independent Broadcasting division 2007	2,222 (71.7%) 2,225 (70.4%) 2,331 (71.0%) 2,145 (72.6%) 1,795 (63.7%) 1,653 (73.6%) 1,602 (74.0%)	875 (28.3%) 935 (29.6%) 950 (29.0%) 811 (27.4%) 642 (26.3%) 593 (26.4%) 562 (26.0%)
Laboratories division 2001 Laboratories division 2002 Laboratories division 2003 Laboratories division 2004 Laboratories division 2005 Laboratories division 2006 Laboratories division 2007 <sup>3</sup>	613 (88.2%) 572 (87.6%) 516 (88.1%) 471 (89.0%) 358 (88.0%) 298 (89.0%)	82 (11.8%) 81 (12.4%) 70 (11.9%) 58 (11.0%) 49 (12.0%) 37 (11.0%)
London Production division 2001 London Production division 2002 London Production division 2003 London Production division 2004 London Production division 2005 London Production division 2006 London Production division 2007	4,656 (73.6%) 4,787 (73.6%) 5,334 (74.2%) 5,224 (74.0%) 5,526 (75.1%) 5,590 (75.4%) 5,815 (76.4%)	1,666 (26.4%) 1,713 (26.4%) 1,854 (25.8%) 1,838 (26.0%) 1,827 (24.9%) 1,821 (24.6%) 1,795 (23.6%)
Regional Production division 2001 Regional Production division 2002 Regional Production division 2003 Regional Production division 2004 Regional Production division 2005 Regional Production division 2007	1,996 (73.8%) 2,114 (73.2%) 2,517 (74.4%) 2,661 (75.3%) 2,878 (75.7%) 2,981 (75.6%) 3,021 (75.7%)	710 (26.2%) 774 (26.8%) 867 (25.6%) 872 (24.7%) 924 (24.3%) 961 (24.4%) 970 (24.3%)