

**BECTU CONFERENCE 2009 - 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 2008 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 2002 will be found in the NEC's reports to conference 2003 to 2005). For the eighth 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 2.3% over the figure as at the end of 2007, predominantly in the BBC division where the decline in membership since 2005 has continued. However the rate of decline is slower than the previous year's 3.5%. With its absorption of the former Laboratories division London Production has increased its lead over the BBC division as the largest in the union, though it suffered a drop in membership for the first time. Regional Production remains only just short of a figure that would provide it with an additional NEC member in elections due in 2010. The (still relatively small) membership in the Republic of Ireland has held up, but membership on the Isle of Man and Channel Islands remains on the point of extinction. Worryingly, the overall proportion of women members continues to fall.

In the figures for the end of 2002 the number of members with unknown addresses dropped below 1,000 for the first time. At the end of 2008 there was a slight rise from 294 to 338, or just over 1.3% of the total membership. The number of British members claiming statutory exemption from contributing to the political fund remains virtually unchanged.

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NOTES TO THE MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

¹ 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.

² 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 2008 was 24,841 (Great Britain membership minus statutorily exempt members).

³ 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 in even years are notional only, biennial NEC elections not being due in odd-numbered years.

⁴ The Laboratories division ceased to exist with effect from 1 December 2007. Its former membership is included in that of the London Production division.

As at 31 December	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total paid-up membership:	26,192 ¹	26,285	27,354	26,543	26,210	25,622
of which:						
Men:	17,604 (67.2%)	17,698 (67.3%)	18,331 (67.0%)	18,148 (68.4%)	18,049 (68.9%)	17,798 (69.5%)
Women:	8,588 (32.8%)	8,587 (32.7%)	9,023 (33.0%)	8,395 (31.6%)	8,161 (31.1%)	7,824 (30.5%)
Postal addresses unknown:	691 (2.6%)	455 (1.7%)	355 (1.3%)	293 (1.1%)	294 (1.1%)	338 (1.3%)
Exempt from political levy: ²	161 (0.6%)	162 (0.6%)	160 (0.6%)	155 (0.6%)	161 (0.6%)	166 (0.7%)
Total members in:						
Great Britain:	25,614	25,688	26,710	25,950	25,626	25,007
of which:						
England:	22,320	22,453	23,417	22,684	22,348	21,735
Scotland:	1,940	1,882	1,943	1,863	1,871	1,872
Wales:	1,354	1,353	1,350	1,403	1,407	1,400
Total members in:						
Northern Ireland:	540	547	585	539	534	526
Republic of Ireland:	28	40	54	51	48	54
Channel Islands:	4	4	2	2	1	1
Isle of Man:	6	6	3	1	1	1
Total divisional memberships: ³						
Arts & Entertainment	4,933 (3)	4,937 (3)	5,137 (3)	5,236 (3)	5,376 (3)	5,399 (3)
BBC	6,820 (4)	7,182 (4)	8,217 (5)	7,372 (4)	7,068 (4)	6,464 (4)
Independent Broadcasting	3,281 (2)	2,956 (2)	2,438 (2)	2,246 (2)	2,164 (2)	2,329 (2)
Laboratories	586 (1)	529 (1)	407 (1)	335 (1)	- ⁴	
London Production	7,188 (4)	7,062 (4)	7,353 (4)	7,411 (4)	7,611 (4)	7,473 (4)
Regional Production	3,384 (2)	3,533 (2)	3,802 (2)	3,943 (2)	3,991 (2)	3,957 (2)

GENDER BREAKDOWN: GEOGRAPHICAL

	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%)
Total paid-up membership 2005	18,331 (67.0%)	9,023 (33.0%)
Total paid-up membership 2006	18,148 (68.4%)	8,398 (31.6%)
Total paid-up membership 2007	17,681 (69.0%)	7,946 (31.0%)
Total paid-up membership 2008	17,798 (69.5%)	7,824 (30.5%)
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 England 2005	15,961 (68.2%)	7,456 (31.8%)
Members in England 2006	15,764 (69.5%)	6,920 (30.5%)
Members in England 2007	15,574 (69.7%)	6,774 (30.3%)
Members in England 2008	15,341 (70.6%)	6,394 (29.4%)
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 Scotland 2005	1,111 (57.2%)	832 (42.8%)
Members in Scotland 2006	1,116 (59.9%)	747 (40.1%)
Members in Scotland 2007	1,165 (62.3%)	706 (37.7%)
Members in Scotland 2008	1,132 (60.5%)	740 (39.5%)
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 Wales 2005	861 (63.8%)	489 (36.2%)
Members in Wales 2006	904 (64.4%)	499 (35.6%)
Members in Wales 2007	941 (66.9%)	466 (33.1%)
Members in Wales 2008	930 (66.4%)	470 (33.6%)
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 Northern Ireland 2005	350 (59.8%)	235 (40.2%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2006	324 (60.1%)	215 (39.9%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2007	330 (61.8%)	204 (38.2%)
Members in Northern Ireland 2008	331 (62.9%)	195 (37.1%)
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 Republic of Ireland 2005	43 (79.6%)	11 (20.4%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2006	37 (72.6%)	14 (27.5%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2007	37 (77.1%)	11 (22.9%)
Members in the Republic of Ireland 2008	38 (70.4%)	16 (29.6%)

GENDER BREAKDOWN: GEOGRAPHICAL (CONTINUED)

	Men	Women
Members in the Channel Islands 2001	4 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
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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 Channel Islands 2005	2 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2006	2 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2007	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Channel Islands 2008	1 (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%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2005	3 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2006	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2007	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Members in the Isle of Man 2008	1 (100.0%)	0 (0.0%)

GENDER BREAKDOWN: DIVISIONAL

	Men	Women
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%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2005	3,117 (60.7%)	2,020 (39.3%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2006	3,283 (62.7%)	1,953 (37.3%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2007	3,397 (63.2%)	1,979 (36.8%)
Arts & Entertainment division 2008	3,474 (64.4%)	1,925 (35.7%)
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%)
BBC division 2005	4,656 (56.7%)	3,561 (43.3%)
BBC division 2006	4,342 (58.95)	3,030 (41.1%)
BBC division 2007	4,214 (59.6%)	2,854 (40.4%)
BBC division 2008	3,823 (59.1%)	2,641 (40.9%)
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%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2005	1,795 (63.7%)	642 (26.3%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2006	1,653 (73.6%)	593 (26.4%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2007	1,602 (74.0%)	562 (26.0%)
Independent Broadcasting division 2008	1,745 (74.9%)	584 (25.1%)
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%)
Laboratories division 2005	358 (88.0%)	49 (12.0%)
Laboratories division 2006	298 (89.0%)	37 (11.0%)
Laboratories division 2007 ³		
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%)
London Production division 2005	5,526 (75.1%)	1,827 (24.9%)
London Production division 2006	5,590 (75.4%)	1,821 (24.6%)
London Production division 2007	5,815 (76.4%)	1,795 (23.6%)
London Production division 2008	5,747 (76.9%)	1,726 (23.1%)
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%)
Regional Production division 2005	2,878 (75.7%)	924 (24.3%)
Regional Production division 2006	2,981 (75.6%)	961 (24.4%)
Regional Production division 2007	3,021 (75.7%)	970 (24.3%)
Regional Production division 2008	3,009 (76.0%)	948 (24.0%)