

06 November 2023

**INDUSTRIAL ACTION BALLOT - UCU
TRADE DISPUTE - HIGHER EDUCATION
PAY AND CONDITIONS**

Our independent scrutineers' report, as required in accordance with section 231B of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, for the above ballot which closed at **5pm on Friday, 03 November 2023** is as follows:-

Number of individuals who were entitled to vote in the ballot	68000
Number of votes cast in the ballot	28964
Votes cast in the ballot as a % of individuals who were entitled to vote	42.59%

ARE YOU PREPARED TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL ACTION CONSISTING OF STRIKE ACTION?

Number of spoilt or otherwise invalid voting papers returned	98
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Result of Voting

Yes	19722	68.32%
No	9144	31.68%

We are satisfied:

- a) that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that there was any contravention of a requirement imposed by or under any enactment in relation to the ballot
- b) that the arrangements made with respect to the production, storage, distribution, return or other handling of the voting papers used in the ballot, and the arrangements for the counting of the votes, included all such security arrangements as were reasonably practicable for the purpose of minimizing the risk that any unfairness or malpractice might occur,
- c) that we have been able to carry out the functions conferred on us under section 226B(1) without any interference from the trade union or any of its members, officials or employees.

We would draw your attention to subsection 231B (2) which requires that, for a six month period starting from the date of the ballot, a copy of this report be made available, on request, to any person who was entitled to vote in the ballot and the employer of any such person. A reasonable fee may be charged for this service.

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ARE YOU PREPARED TO TAKE INDUSTRIAL ACTION CONSISTING OF ACTION SHORT OF STRIKE ACTION (which for this purpose is defined to include overtime and call-out bans)?

Number of spoilt or otherwise invalid voting papers returned	121
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Result of Voting

Yes	21796	75.57%
No	7047	24.43%

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