

17 December 2015

UNISON - ELECTION OF GENERAL SECRETARY

Our report of voting for the above election which closed at 5pm on Friday 4 December 2015 is as follows:

Number of eligible voters:	1,372,827
Total number of votes cast:	134,515
Turnout:	9.8%
Number of votes found to be invalid:	501
Total number of valid votes to be counted:	134,014

Result

BANNISTER, Roger	16,853
BURGESS, John.....	15,573
PRENTIS, Dave	66,155
WAKEFIELD, Heather.....	35,433

As Scrutineers appointed in accordance with Section 49 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (as amended), we are satisfied as to each of the matters specified in subsection 52(2) with regard to the election. The following points should be noted:

- a) The person appointed under section 51A to carry out the storage and counting of voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.
- b) The person appointed under section 51A to carry out the distribution of voting papers was Electoral Reform Services Limited.
- c) A copy of the register of voters (as at the relevant date) was examined in accordance with section 49(3). The examination took place at our own instance and did not reveal any matter that should be brought to the attention of the trade union.

We would draw your attention to sections 52(4), 52(5), and 52(6). Section 52(4) requires that a copy of this report be published and made available to all members of the union within a three month period from today. This does not, however, mean that every member has to be notified individually.

Yours sincerely

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Statement by the Returning Officer and Independent Scrutineer, Electoral Reform Services

Electoral Reform Services is appointed as Returning Officer and Independent Scrutineer for the Unison General Secretary 2015 Election.

This dual role requires Electoral Reform Services to provide two reports to the union. The Returning Officers Report encompasses all matters relating to the election, the Independent Scrutineers report is restricted to only those matters relating to the legislative requirements applying to the election.

Returning Officers Report

We can advise that there are a number of ongoing investigations into complaints raised with us by members that include allegations of a serious nature that relate to alleged breaches of rules and/or the election procedures. We have therefore advised UNISON that, until these investigations have been concluded and we have been able to fully consider the information we receive from the union and through our own investigations in relation to these complaints it would be inappropriate for us to provide the union with our Returning Officers Report.

We are satisfied that the investigations into these complaints are proceeding in a timely manner and we currently expect to be able to provide our report in the week commencing 11th January 2016.

Independent Scrutineers Report

After careful consideration of all matters brought to our attention relating to the relevant legal requirements of the election we have advised Unison that we have been able to conclude our role as Independent Scrutineer for the General Secretary 2015 Election.

In that regard, it should be noted that Section 49 (c) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires the Independent Scrutineer to make their report to the trade union "as soon as reasonably practicable after the last date for the return of voting papers".

Therefore, in accordance with the legislative requirements and the election timetable our Scrutineer's Report on the election has been provided to Unison.

Electoral Reform Services