

APS Members and Pensioners Ballot 2 Results

APS Rule 25 (b) contains provision for Members and Pensioners to request the Trustees of APS to undertake a postal ballot. As per the requirements of Rule 25 (b) 100 written requests for a ballot were received from APS Members and Pensioners. The requests detailed the three questions to be included in the ballot to be sent to all active Members and Pensioners in receipt of their pension. The ballot papers were despatched by post on 20 October 2011 with a close date of 23 November 2011.

The report of voting from the Scrutineers, Electoral Reform Services Ltd, for the ballot is as follows:

Number of eligible voters:	26,178
papers returned by post:	13,042
Total number of papers returned:	13,042
Turnout:	49.8%
Number of papers found to be fully invalid (spoilt or no response to any question):	1
Total number of valid papers to be counted:	13,041

Question 1: Do you agree that the APS trustees should retain a funding target sufficient to pay RPI pension increases?

Result

Number voting YES	12,217	(93.68% of valid papers)
Number voting NO	378	(2.90% of valid papers)
No vote	442	(3.39% of valid papers)
Spoilt vote	4	(0.03% of valid papers)
TOTAL	13,041	(100% of valid papers)

Question 2: Do you agree that the APS trustees should restore RPI increases with immediate effect, the increases to be back-dated to April 2011?

Result

Number voting YES	11,995	(91.98% of valid papers)
Number voting NO	838	(6.43% of valid papers)
No vote	205	(1.57% of valid papers)

Spoilt vote	3	(0.02% of valid papers)
TOTAL.....	13,041	(100% of valid papers)

Question 3: Do you agree that the inclusion by the APS trustees of their own one-sided arguments in trustee election ballot packs and Members' and Pensioners' postal ballot packs, is an unacceptable interference in the democratic process?

Result

Number voting YES	8,596	(65.92% of valid papers)
Number voting NO	3,699	(28.36% of valid papers)
No vote	742	(5.69% of valid papers)
Spoilt vote	4	(0.03% of valid papers)
TOTAL.....	13,041	(100% of valid papers)