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# ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

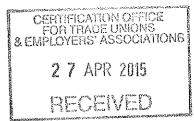
Name of Trade Union:	Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers & Firemen			
Year ended:	31 December 2014			
List no:	CO/023T/1			
Head or Main Office:	77 St John Street London EC1M 4NN			
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(Revised February 2011)

# **RETURN OF MEMBERS**

(see notes 10 and 11)

	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR					
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	frish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	Т	OTALS
MALE	19,371					19,371
FEMALE	993					993
TOTAL	20,364				Α	20,364

WALE	19,37	1				19,371
FEMALE	99	3				993
TOTAL	20,36	4			А	20,364
is held:		in totals box 'A' above for		· authorised addro	ess	20,364
				**	nd of the year to	o which
Please cor return.		TURN OF CHA				by this
Title	of Office	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Nam Officer Ap	1	Date	)
District Or	ganiser	Stan Moran	Brian Corbett		21 April 2014	
Executive	Member E	Brian Corbett	Andy Hudd		11 August 201	4
State whet	ther the union is:					
a. A bra	nch of another trac	de union?	s No			
If yes	, state the name o	f that other union:				
b. A fed	eration of trade un	ions? Ye	s No			
If yes	, state the number	of affiliated				

and names:

# Officers in post at 31 December 2014

Alan Donnelly - President

Hugh Bradley - Member of Executive Committee

Dave Calfe - Member of Executive Committee

Marz Colombini - Member of Executive Committee

Andy Hudd - Member of Executive Committee

Howard Kaye - Member of Executive Committee

Tosh McDonald - Member of Executive Committee

Terry Wilkinson - Member of Executive Committee

Mick Whelan – General Secretary

Ian Smith - Trustee

Bill Goode - Trustee

Mark Daniels - Trustee

# **GENERAL FUND**

(see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
INCOME From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		5,214,920
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		5,214,920
Investment income (as at page 12)		176,208
Other Income		,
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)		
Total of other income (as at page 4)	L	
	TOTAL INCOME	5,391,128
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		345,138
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		4,227,930
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
Affiliation fees	105,614	
Donations	55,084	
		160,698
Pension scheme actuarial loss		1,910,000
Interfund Transfer		(75,097)
TOTA	L EXPENDITURE	6,568,669
Surplus (deficit) for year		(1,177,541)
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		8,577,247
Amount of general fund at end of year		7,399,706

# ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
TOTAL FEDERATION AND	OTHER BODIES	
Other income		
		:
TOTAL	OTHER INCOME	
TOTAL OF ALL	OTHER INCOME	
TOTAL OF ALL	OTHER INCOME	

# ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

	£		£
Representation – Employment Related Issues Legal services	72,169	brought forward  Education and Training services  Course costs	303,998 41,140
Representation –  Non Employment Related Issues		Negotiated Discount Services	
Communications Diaries Locomotive journal Advisory Services	27,818 201,832	Salary Costs	
Dispute Benefits		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
Other Cash Payments Disciplinary inquiries and appeals	2,179		
carried forward	303,998	Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)	345,138

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2			Fund Account
Name:	Distress/Hardship Fund	£	£
Income			
	From members		88,970
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
	•	Total Income	88,970
Expenditure			
•	Benefits to members	13,873	
	Interfund transfer	75,097	
	То	otal Expenditure	88,970
	·	icit) for the year	0
	Amount of fund at be		1,500,000
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	1,500,000
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	18,126

FUND 3			Fund Account
Name:	Fighting Fund	£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Donations	345	
	Total other income	e as specified	345
		Total Income	345
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	Tota	l Expenditure	0
	Surplus (Defici	t) for the year	345
	Amount of fund at begi	nning of year	30,428
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Ba	alance Sheet)	30,773
	Number of members contributing a	at end of year	n/a

FUND 4			Fund Account
Name:	Branches General Fund	£	£
Income			
	From members		101,383
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Donations	5,812	
·			
	Total other inco	me as specified	5,812
		Total Income	107,195
Evnondituro			
Expenditure	Benefits to members	929	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)	90,193	
	То	tal Expenditure	91,122
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	16,073
	Amount of fund at be		170,081
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	186,154
	Number of members contributin	g at end of year	18,126

FUND 5			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
•	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	·	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	ginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

FUND 6			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)	7	
			:
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure	Daniella fe usanala na		
	Benefits to members  Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	_	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contribution	a at and of year	
	Number of members contributing	y at end or year	

FUND 7			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
			1
	Total other incon	ne as specified	
		Total Income	
Turne mediture			***************************************
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	Tot	al Expenditure	
		cit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be	,	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as I	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	at end of year	

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNT 1 To be completed by trade unions which maintain their own			fund	
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Income	Members contributions a Investment income (as a Other income (specify)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		111,433 52
		Donations		
		Interfund transfer	21,000	
		Total othe	r income as specified	21,000
			Total income	132,485
Expenditure				
	'	tion 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations 32 (specify) Affiliation fees	46,400	
		Donations	33,125	
	Administration expense	es in connection with political objects (specify)  Conferences & office expenses	52,886	
	Non-political expenditu	re Taxation	5	
			Total expenditure	132,416
		Su	rplus (deficit) for year	69
		Amount of political fund	at beginning of year	2,074
		Amount of political fund at the end of year	r (as Balance Sheet)	2,143
		Number of members at end of year contributing	g to the political fund	17,495
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing	· .	2,869
		ave completed an exemption notice and do not therefor tired and do not contribute	·	631

			ţ	£
Income	Contributions and levies of	ollected from members on behalf of central political fund		25,077
	Funds received back fro Other income (specify)	m central political fund		
		Total other	income as specified	
		70000000	Total income	25,077
Expenditure				
	•	ction 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations 92 (specify) Affiliation fees	4,227	
		Donations	8,197	
	Administration expens	es in connection with political objects (specify) Education & organising	15,294	
	Non-political expendit	ure - Interfund transfer	21,000	
			Total expenditure	48,718
		Sur	plus (deficit) for year	(23,641)
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund	at beginning of year	50,531
		Amount remitted to	central political fund	
		Amount held on behalf of central political	al fund at end of year	26,890
		Number of members at end of year contributing	g to the political fund	17,495
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing	g to the political fund	2,869
		nave completed an exemption notice and do not therefore etired and do not contribute	e contribute to the	631

# ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS EXCLUDING AMOUNTS CHARGED TO POLITICAL FUND ACCOUNTS

(see notes 32 and 33)

(see notes 32 and 33)	£
Administrative	-
Expenses	
Remuneration and expenses of staff	2,483,633
Salaries and Wages included in above £1,877,520	
Auditors' fees	. 23,596
Legal and Professional fees	-24,952
Occupancy costs	-164,513
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	206,612
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	201,335
Expenses of conferences	329,418
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Employers' check off charges	. 62,309
Organising expenses	389,042
Ballots	- 57,310
Other Outgoings	
Bank charges	41,558
Goods purchased for resale and presentation	-26,611
Out of court settlement and legal expenses	<i>-</i> 14,940
Depreciation	.103,631
Taxation	-58,376
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Repairs and reserve for dilapidations	-123,287
Other outgoings (specify)	
Branch affiliations and donations	37,000
Total	4,318,123
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	4,227,930
Fund (Account4)	90,193
Fund (Account )	
Fund (Account )	
Fund (Account )	
Total	4,318,123

# ANALYSIS OF OFFICIALS SALARIES AND BENEFITS (see notes 34 to 44 below)

Office held	Gross Salary	Employers N.I. contributions		Benefits		Total
			Pension Contribution	Other Benefits	efits	
	CJ.	ਝ	S£	Description	Value £	Ð
M Whelan – General Secretary	89,726	10,126	21,939			121,791
A Donnelly - President	15,869	662				16,531
H Bradley	30,050	2,998				33,048
D Calfe	11,933	269				12,202
M Colombini	41,267	4,343				45,610
B Corbett	10,940	1,047				11,987
A Hudd	12,291	1,179				13,470
Н Кауе	37,136	3,785				40,921
T McDonald	33,387	2,723				36,110
T Wilkinson	21,631	214				21,845

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME**

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			115,966
Dividends (gross) from:			110,000
Equities (e.g. shares)	52		59,482
Interest (gross) from:			,
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			760
Other investment income (specify)			
:			
	52		176,208
	Total in	vestment income	470,000
	Total III	vestment moonte	176,260
Credited to:			
	Gene	al Fund (Page 3)	176,208
	Political	Fund (Account 1)	52
	F	und (Account )	
	F	und (Account )	
	F	und (Account )	
	F	und (Account )	
		Political Fund	
	Takaila	vootmont In serve -	
	1 Otal In	vestment Income	176,260

# BALANCE SHEET as at

31 December 2014

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
8,376,326	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		8,274,892
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
1,366,220	Quoted (Market value £ 1,646,768)	1,413,007	
55,250	Unquoted	55,250	4 400 057
	Total Investments Other Assets		1,468,257
	Loans to other trade unions		
403,445	Sundry debtors	435,242	
1,083,098	Cash at bank and in hand	1,354,050	
	Income tax to be recovered		
	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
	Total of other assets		1,789,292
	тот	AL ASSETS	11,532,441
8,577,247	Fund (Account 1)		7,399,706
1,500,000	Fund (Account 2)		1,500,000
30,428	Fund (Account 3)		30,773
170,081	Fund (Account 4)		186,154
2,074	Political Fund (Account 1)		2,143
50,531	Political Fund (Account 2)		26,890
	LIABILITIES		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions		
	Loans: Other		
	Bank overdraft		
	Tax payable		
579,978	Sundry creditors		393,775
	Accrued expenses		;
175,000	Provisions		225,000
199,000	Pension liability		1,768,000
	TOTAL	. LIABILITIES	2,386,775
	ТОТ	AL ASSETS	11,532,441

# **FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT**

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Freehold Leasehold	-	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	8323214		314,194			8,637,408
Additions			2,197			2,197
Disposals			,			,
Revaluation/Transfer						
s			:			
At end of year	8323214		316,391			8,639,605
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Accumulated Depreciation At start of year	170 100		0.4.050			004.000
Charges for year	176,129		84,953			261,082
Disposals	60,225		43,406			103,631
Revaluation/Transfer						
S						
At end of year	236,354		128,359			364,713
			•			
Net book value at end of year	8086860		188,032			8,274,892
Net book value at end of previous year	8147085		229,241			8,376,326

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS**

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED		All Funds	Political Fund
		Except	
		Political	C
		Funds £	£
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
		4 440 007	
		1,413,007	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	other quetou essertinos (is se epresident		
	TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	1,413,007	
	Market Value of Quoted Investment	1,646,768	
INCHOTED			
UNQUOTED	Equities		
		55,250	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Martagage		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
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	TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	55,250	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments	55,250	

# ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS)

(see notes 58 and 59)

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Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?  If YES name the relevant companies:		YES	NO
Tr LO hame the relevant companies.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
COMPANY NAME		STRATION NUMB and & Wales, state	
ASLEF Trustee Company Ltd	7374800		
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?		YES	NO
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.	·		
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAF	REHOLDERS	

# **SUMMARY SHEET**

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME			
From Members	5,405,618	136,510	5,542,128
From Investments	176,208	52	176,260
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	5,812		5,812
Total Income	5,587,638	136,562	5,724,200
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of			
Total Expenditure	6,748,761	160,134	6,908,895
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	10,277,756 9,116,633	52,605 29,033	10,330,361 9,145,666
ASSETS			
	Fixed Assets		8,274,892
	Investment Assets		1,468,257
	Other Assets		1,789,292
		Total Assets	11,532,441
LIABILITIES		Total Liabilities	2,386,775
NET ASSETS (Total Assets less Total	ıl Liabilities)		9,145,666

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

(see notes 72 and 73)

All notes to the accounts must be entered on or attached to this part of the return.

TAXATION
The union is not liable to taxation on income from its members. Tax credits arise on dividends received. Corporation tax is payable on investment income to the extent that this exceeds provident benefits. The union claimed rollover relief following the sale and purchase of its headquarters buildings. Following an enquiry by H M Revenue and Customs the deemed market value of the building at 31 March 1982 was reduced and capital gains tax of £52,428 was assessed and paid.
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES
The previously reported legal claim against ASLEF was settled out of court. The claim for legal expenses, to which ASLEF was strongly opposed, was reduced following a high court action.

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### PENSION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS

The union operates a defined benefit scheme in the UK. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 1 August 2013 showing a surplus of £36,000. The estimated SFO funding position at 1 August 2014 shows a surplus of £370,000. These results have been updated to 31 December 2014 by a qualified actuary, independent of the scheme's sponsoring employer using the prescriptive method set out in FRS17 which give a deficit of £(1,768,000). The major assumptions necessarily used by the actuary are shown below.

From 1 August 2011 to 30 June 2014 employer contributions were payable at the rate of 26.7% or 24.2% of pensionable pay, depending on the member's accrual rate, plus £19,500 per month. After 1 July 2014 these rose to 27.2% or 24.7% with no further monthly deficit repair amounts. Member contributions are payable in addition to the above at the rate of either 5% or 7.5% of pensionable pay.

## Present values of scheme liabilities, fair value of assets and deficit

(Deficit) in scheme	(1,768)	(199)	(1,555)
Present value of scheme liabilities	13,019	10,611	9,968
Fair value of scheme assets	11,251	10,412	8,413
	£'000	£,000	£,000
	2014	2013	2012

The union is not subject to corporation tax on its main activity as set out in note 3 and does not therefore account for deferred tax. As a result there cannot be a deferred tax asset related to the above pension liability.

# Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the present value of the scheme liabilities

	2014	2013
	£,000	£,000
Scheme liabilities at start of period	10,611	9,968
Current service cost	429	372
Interest cost	501	450
Contributions by scheme participants	128	108
Actuarial losses (gains)	1,594	(93)
Benefits paid and death in service insurance premiums	(244)	(194)
Scheme liabilities at end of period	13,019	10,611

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

# PENSION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

# Reconciliation of opening and closing balances of the fair value of scheme assets

	2014	2013
	£,000	£'000
Fair value of scheme assets at start of period	10,412	8,413
Expected return on scheme assets	708	422
Actuarial (losses) gains	(316)	1,094
Contributions by employer	563	569
Contributions by scheme participants	128	108
Benefits paid and death in service insurance premiums	(244)	(194)
Fair value of scheme assets at end of year	11,251	10,412
	**	

The actual return on the scheme assets over the period ended 31 December 2014 was £392,000 (2013 - £1,516,000).

# Total expense recognised in profit and loss account

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Current service cost	429	372
Interest cost	501	450
Expected return on scheme assets	(708)	(422)
Total expense recognised in profit and loss	222	400

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

# PENSION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

Statement of total recognised gains and losses	2014	2013
	£,000	£'000
Difference between expected and actual return on scheme assets:		
Amount: (loss) gain	(316)	1,094
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities:		
Amount: gain	96	228
Effects of changes in the demographic and financial assumptions underlying the present value of the scheme liabilities:		
Amount: (loss)	(1,690)	(135)
Total actuarial gains and losses (before restriction due to some of the surplus not being recognisable) being		
Total amount recognised in the consolidated income and expenditure account	(1,910)	1,187

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the consolidated income and expenditure account since adoption of FRS17 is  $\pounds(3,786,000)$  2013 -  $\pounds(1,876,000)$ .

# Assets

	2014	2013	2012
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Equity	**	6,494	4,310
Bonds	~	1,604	1,573
Gilts and property		1,422	447
Diversified growth funds	11,131	-	-
Cash and net current assets	120	892	2,083
Total assets	11,251	10,412	8,413
Bonds Gilts and property Diversified growth funds Cash and net current assets	11,131 120	1,604 1,422 - 892	1,573 447 - 2,083 8,413

None of the fair values of the assets shown above include any property occupied by, or other assets used by, the union.

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

# PENSION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

ASSUMPTIONS	2014	2013	2012
Inflation - RPI	3.20%pa	3.40%pa	2.80%pa
Inflation - CPI	2.20%pa	2.40%pa	2.05%pa
Salary increases	2,70%pa	3.40%pa	2.80%pa
Rate of discount	3.65%pa	4.65%pa	4.45%pa
Allowance for pension in payment increases of RPI or 5% per annum if less	3.10%pa	3.30%pa	2.70%pa
Allowance for revaluation of deferred pensions of CPI previously RPI or 5% per annum if less	2.40%ра	2.40%pa	2.05%pa
Allowance for commutation of pension for cash at retirement	50% Post A Day	50% Post A Day	50% Post A Day
The mortality assumptions adopted at 31 December	2014 imply the follow	wing life expectanci	es:
Male retiring at age 60 in 2014	26.7	26.9	28.2
Female retiring at age 60 in 2014	29.2	29.4	30.8
Male retiring at age 60 in 2034	28.6	28.9	30.3
Female retiring at age 60 in 2034	31.2	31.5	32.8

# Expected long term-rates of return

The expected long-term rates of return applicable at the start of each period are as follows.

	2014	2013	2012
	£	£	£
Equity	8.10%	5.80%	5.50%
Bonds	4.40%	4.10%	4.30%
Gilts	3.50%	2.30%	2.40%
Property	7.80%	4.10%	4.30%
Diversified growth funds	7.50%	-	-
Cash	0.50%	4.10%	4.30%
Overall for scheme	6.66%	4.88%	4.63%

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

# 12 PENSION SCHEME CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

The overall expected return on assets assumption of 7.43%pa as at 31 December 2014 has been derived by calculating the weighted average of the expected rate of return for each asset class as follows. •Fixed interest securities at current market yields. •Equities by compounding the adjusted current net dividend yield, current RPI inflation assumption, dividend growth assumption of 1.4%pa and expenses of 0.5%pa. •Properties as with equities but with expenses of 0.75%. •Diversified growth funds as with properties. •Cash at the current Bank of England base rate.

### Amounts for the current and previous four years

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
	£,000	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fair value of scheme assets	11,251	10,412	8,413	7,222	6,470
Present value of scheme liabilities	13,019	10,611	9,968	8,578	8,421
Deficit in scheme	(1,768)	(199)	(1,555)	(1,356)	(1,951)
Experience adjustment on scheme assets	(316)	1,094	318	(53)	435
Experience adjustment on scheme liabilities	96	228	(80)	157	209

The best estimate of contributions to be paid by the employer to the scheme for the period beginning after 31 December 2014 is £443,000 (2013 - £637,000).

# **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(see notes 74 and 75)

SIGNATURES TO THE A  (see notes 76 and including the accounts and balance sh	d 77)				
Secretary's Signature: Signature: (or other official whose position should be stated)  Name: MICK WHELAN Name: 105H HEDONALY  Date: 9 MARCH 2015  Date: 9 MARCH 2015					
CHECK L (see notes 78 to	80)	<b>ə</b> )			
IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?		YES		NO	
(see Page 2 and Note 12) HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN		YES		NO	
COMPLETED?					
(see Page 2 and Note 12) HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?		YES		NO	$\Box$
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)					
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED? (see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)		YES		NO	
(see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)  IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED?		YES		NO	
(see Notes 8 and 78)		ENO: 00E	<u> </u>	TO FOLLOW:	
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS:		ENCLOSE D		TO FOLLOW	
(see Note 80) HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED		YES		NO	
(see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)					

# ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### а Basis of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting as modified by the revaluation of freehold properties and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

### Members' contributions b

Contributions are shown in the accounts on the basis of cash receivable for the year.

### Payments to branches

Control over the use of the amounts paid to Branches' General Funds under Rule 10.5 (a) and Branches' Political Funds under Rule 10.5 (i) is delegated to branches. Branches' General and Political Funds are incorporated in these accounts.

### ď Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land at 1 January 2014

Freehold buildings at 1 January 2014	Over their estimated remaining useful lives ranging

Nil

from 40 to 50 years from 1 January 1991 or 100

years from date of purchase if later.

Over the term of the 150 year lease commencing on Leasehold property at 1 January 2014

25 October 2012.

Furniture and fittings and equipment At 10 per cent per annum on cost

Computer equipment At 20 per cent per annum on cost

## Cash flow

The union has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1, available to smaller entities, and has not produced a cash flow statement.

# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

(see notes 81 to 86)

made in accordance with section 36 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

1.	In the opinion of the auditors or auditor do the accounts they have audited and which are contained in this return give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate? (See section 36(1) and (2) of the 1992 Act and notes 83 and 84)  YES/NO If "No" please explain below.
2.	Have the auditors or auditor carried out such investigations in the preparation of their audit report as will enable them to form an opinion as to:  (a) whether the trade union has kept proper accounting records in accordance with section 28 of the 1992 Act;  (b) whether it has maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; and  (c) whether the accounts to which the report relates agree with the accounting records?  (See section 36(3) of the 1992 Act, set out in note 83)  YESINO  If "No" please explain below.
3.	Are the auditors or auditor of the opinion that the union has complied with section 28 of the 1992 Act and has:  (a) kept proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities; and  (b) established and maintained a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holding and all its receipts and remittances.  (See section 36(4) of the 1992 Act set out in rule 83)  YES/NO  If No" please explain below.
4.	Please set out a copy of the report made by the auditors or auditor to the union on the accounts to which this AR21 relates. The report is to set out the basis upon which the audit has been conducted and/or such other statement as the auditor considers appropriate. Such a statement may be provided as a separate document. (See note 85)

# AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

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Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:	Chembry Vellacole Baccus	
Name(s):	CHANTREY VELLACOTT DEC LLS	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	CHARTERES ACCOUNTAGES	
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Date:	22 APAIL 2015	
Contact name and telephone number:		

N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASLEF

We have audited the financial statements of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF) for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the income and expenditure account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the union's members, as a body, in accordance with Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the union and the union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Executive Committee's Responsibilities, ASLEF's executive committee are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

# SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by ASLEF's executive committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the General Secretary's report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of ASLEF's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its deficit for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATED SOCIETY OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN

# MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the union has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions in accordance with the requirements of that section; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures within the form AR21 of officers' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Chantrey Veilacott DFK LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
LONDON

10 March 2015