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FORM AR21

To be used for reporting years starting on or after 6 April 2015

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION

Name of Trade Union:	Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association
Year ended:	31 December 2016
List no:	5020T
Head or Main Office:	West End House 14 West End Place Edinburgh EH11 2ED
Website address (if available)	
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes □ No ☑ (Click the appropriate box)
General Secretary:	Seamus Searson
Telephone Number:	0131 313 7300
Contact name for queries regarding	Elaine Henderson
Telephone Number:	0131 313 7300
E-mail:	ElaineH@ssta.org.uk

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(Revised February 2017)

SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION Finance Committee members 31 December 2016

Office Bearers:

President

Euan Duncan

Vice-President

Kevin Penrose-Campbell

General Secretary

Seamus Searson

General Treasurer

Elaine Henderson

Minutes Secretary

Alan Taylor

RETURN OF MEMBERS

(see notes 10 and 11)

	NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR					
	Great Britain	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic	Elsewhere Abroad (including Channel Islands)	то	TALS
MALE	2,393					2,393
FEMALE	4,344					4,344
TOTAL	6,737	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	14 A		А	6,737

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Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:	53
Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund	6,426
OFFICERS IN POST (see note 12) Please attach as an annexe to this form a complete list of all officers in post at the end of this form relates, with the title of each persons office.	he year to which
RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS Please complete the following to record any changes of officers during the twelve months	covered by this

return.

Title of Office	Name of Officer ceasing to hold office	Name of Officer Appointed	Date
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State whether the union is:

a. A branch of another trade union?

If yes, state the name of that other union:

b. A federation of trade unions?

If yes, state the number of affiliated unions:

and names:

GENERAL FUND (see notes 13 to 18)

	£	£
NCOME From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions	F	958,949
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members	1	, a (
Total of all income from members		958,949
Investment income (as at page 12)		24,381
Other Income		
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	155,694	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		155,694
	TOTAL INCOME	1,139,024
XPENDITURE		10.11
Benefits to members (as at page 5)	- 1	53,544
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		940,741
Federation and other bodies (specify)		
STUC	11,510	- 3.
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies		11,510
Taxation		3,377
АТОТ	L EXPENDITURE	1,009,172
Surplus (deficit) for year		129,852
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		1,443,933
Amount of general fund at end of year		1,573,785

ANALYSIS OF INCOME FROM FEDERATION AND OTHER BODIES AND OTHER INCOME

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies	,	
4.		
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TOTAL FEDERAT	ION AND OTHER BODIES	
Other income		
Gain on investments	18,837	
ncome from Friends' Provident (pensions)	7,885	
Miscellaneous income	4,437	
Gain on valuation of investments	124,535	
		Y
	TOTAL OTHER INCOME	155,694
	OF ALL OTHER WOOMS	455.00
TOTAL	OF ALL OTHER INCOME	155,694

ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

<i>y</i>	£	K-	£
Representation -		brought forward	53,415
Employment Related Issues			
Legal representation	40,588	Education and Training services	
		Members' training	129
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			
Depresentation			
Representation –			
Non Employment Related Issues			
		Negotiated Discount Services	
·	*		
Communications		. "	
Members' diaries	12,827		
* .		Salary Costs	
A.L. in Ormina			
Advisory Services			
		Other Benefits and Grants (specify)	
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Dispute Benefits) e	**	
1.5			
Other Cash Payments		9	
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carried forward	53,415	Total (should agree with figure in	53,544
	33,410	General Fund)	00,044

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2		[#] Fu	ınd Account
Name:	BENEVOLENT FUND	£	£
Income	<u> </u>		
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		7,609
	Other income (specify)		
	Gain on investments	423	
	Miscellaneous income	3,648	
	Total other incom	ne as specified	4,071
		Total Income	11,680
Expenditure	F. C.		7 500
	Benefits to members		7,500
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		8,294
		al Expenditure	15,794
	Surplus (Defic	it) for the year	(4,114)
			192,141
2 2	Amount of fund at beg	mining or year	132,141
*	Amount of fund at beg Amount of fund at the end of year (as E		188,027

FUND 3			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income	Y Y		
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other incom	e as specified	
		Total Income	
Expenditure			
	Benefits to members	.4	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		al Expenditure	
F	Surplus (Defic	It) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beg		7
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as B		
	Number of members contributing	at end of year	

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 4		
Name:	3	£
Income		
	From members	
	Investment income (as at page 12)	
	Other income (specify)	
- 5		
	Total other income as specified	V - 2000 - 125 - 11
	Total Income	
Expenditure		
•	Benefits to members	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)	
	Total Expenditure	(*)
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing at end of year	

FUND 5		E	Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other incom	ne as specified	L E
		Total Income	
Expenditure		NA.	
Expenditure	Benefits to members		
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		al Expenditure	The metallicate
	Surplus (Defic	it) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beg	ginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as E	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	at end of year	V V

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND (6		Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income	1,000		
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)	,	
	Total other incor	ne as specified	
		Total Income	
	A DE LA SECULIA		
Expenditure	*		
	Benefits to members	V	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
		tal Expenditure	
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	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)	
3	Number of members contributing	at end of year	

FUND 7 Fund		
Name:	£	£
Income		
	From members	
	Investment income (as at page 12)	
	Other income (specify)	
×		
	Total other income as specified	7 7 A 4
	Total Income	
Expenditure		
	Benefits to members	
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)	
	Total Expenditure	
F		
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at beginning of year	
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as 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 ov	vn fund
	**************************************	WANTED TO THE TOTAL THE TAXABLE PARTY.	ę	£
Income	Members contributions and	levies		
	Investment income (as at pa Other income (specify)	age 12)		
		т	otal other income as specified	11
Expenditure			Total income	
Expenditure	Evpanditure under section	82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relation		
	(Consolidation) Act 1992 (15	
	Administration expenses in	n connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure			
			Total expenditure	
			Surplus (deficit) for year	
		Amount of poli	tical fund at beginning of year	
	X)	Amount of political fund at the er	nd of year (as Balance Sheet)	
			-	
		Number of members at end of year co	ontributing to the political fund	
	, Nı	umber of members at end of the year not co	ontributing to the political fund	
Number of mem political fund	bers at end of year who have	completed an exemption notice and do not	therefore contribute to the	

POLITICAL	FUND ACCOUNT 2	To be completed by trade unions which act	as components of a cen	itral trade ur
			ę.	t
Income	Contributions and levies of	ollected from members on behalf of central political fund		
	Funds received back fro Other Income (specify)	m central political fund		
		Total other	income as specified	
			Total income	
Expenditure				
	Expenditure under sec (Consolidation) Act 19	tion 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations 92 (specify)		
	Administration expens	es in connection with political objects (specify)	-	
	Non-political expenditu	re		
141 10	10000 # 0000000 gas # 000000		Total expenditure	910-1-2779-11QI
		Sur	plus (deficit) for year	
		Amount held on behalf of trade union political fund	Court Not to the Court of the C	
		The commence of the commence o	central political fund	
		Amount held on behalf of central politica		
		Same and the second of the sec		
		Number of members at end of year contributing	to the political fund	
		Number of members at end of the year not contributing	to the political fund	
Number of me	mbers at end of year who ha	ave completed an exemption notice and do not therefore	contribute to the	

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	2
Expenses	
Remuneration and expenses of staff	620,580
Salaries and Wages included in above £545,042	
Auditors' fees	7,224
Legal and Professional fees	
Occupancy costs	104,035
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.	72,212
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)	16,118
Expenses of conferences	18,449
Other administrative expenses (specify)	
Annual congress	50,893
Committees & ballots	16,520
Supporters fees & expenses	2,864
Other Outgoings	
Interest payable:	e a
Bank loans (including overdrafts)	
Mortgages	1,994
Other loans	
Depreciation	22,209
Taxation	
	24
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)	
Other outgoings (specify)	
Investment management fees	7,643
Loss on valuation of investments	8,294
Total	949,035
Charged to: General Fund (Page 3)	940,741
Benevolent Fund (Fund 2)	8,294
Fund (Account)	
Fund (Account)	
Total	

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	ifits	5
8	Ċł	બ	S.	Description	Value £	сы
General Secretary	85,572	10,689	14,773	8-1	0	111,034
General Treasurer	5,885	0	0		0	5,885
Minutes Secretary	5,885	0	O		0	5,885
President	2,509	0	0	į	0	2,509
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ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £	+	Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings	2		
Dividends (gross) from:			-
Equities (e.g. shares)	1		31,085
Interest (gross) from:			= A1.000
Government securities (Gilts)			
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies	*		566
	4	A'	
Other investment income (specify)			
lational Savings Income Bond			339
	<		
	Total in	vootmont innoma [
	rotarin	vestment income	31,990
Credited to:			
	Genera	al Fund (Page 3)	24,381
	Benevoler	nt Fund (Fund 2)	7,609
	Fi	und (Account)	78000 II V
	Fo	und (Account)	,
	Fu	und (Account)	
	Fu	und (Account)	
		Political Fund	271
		estment Income	

BALANCE SHEET as at

31/12/16

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year	A	£	£
641,601	Fixed Assets (at page 14)		619,392
	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
772,647	Quoted (Market value £ 927,529)	927,529	4
30,000	Unquoted	30,000	057.500
802,647	Total Investments Other Assets		957,529
	Loans to other trade unions		
	Sundry debtors		8
351,597	Cash at bank and in hand	325,158	
	Income tax to be recovered		
8,500	Stocks of goods	7,250	
	Others (specify)		9
360,097	Total of other assets		332,408
1,804,345	тот	AL ASSETS	1,909,329
1,443,933	General Fund (Fund 1)		1,573,785
192,141	Benevolent Fund (Fund 2)		188,027
	Fund (Account)		
	Superannuation Fund (Account)		
. * -	Political Fund (Account)		
	Revaluation Reserve	· · ·	
	LIABILITIES		
	Amount held on behalf of central trade union political fund		
	Loans: From other trade unions	-	
447.000	Loans: Other		96,814
117,338	Bank overdraft	- 1	
143	Tax payable		2,862
140	Sundry creditors		
23,654	Accrued expenses		20,000
	Provisions		14,360
14,219 12,917	Other liabilities		13,481
		LIABILITIES	147,517
168,271		AL ASSETS	1,909,329
1,804,345	101	AL MODE 10	1,303,328

FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT (see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and Buildings Freehold Leasehold £ £	Office Equipment £	Computers £	Not used for union business £	Total £
Cost or Valuation					
At start of year	766,942	175,593	223,284		1,165,819
Additions					
Disposals		(17,706)	(133,135)		(150,841)
Revaluation/Transfer					
S			н		
At end of year	766,942	157,887	90,149		1,014,978
Accumulated Depreciation					
At start of year	145,405	175,593	203,220		524,218
Charges for year	14,224		7,985	-	22,209
Disposals		(17,706)	(133,135)		(150,841)
Revaluation/Transfer					
s					8 .
At end of year	159,629	157,887	78,070		395,586
Net book value at end of year	607,313	0	12,079		619,392
Net book value at end of previous year	621,537	0	20,064		641,601

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS (see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED		All Funds Except	Political Fund
		Political	
		Funds £	£
· ·			
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
	Various	927,529	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
1		. /	
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	TOTAL OLIOTED (as Balance Shoot)		
	TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet) Market Value of Quoted Investment	927,529	
	warket value of Quoted investment	927,529	
18			2
UNQUOTED	Equities		
	* .		
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	*		1
	Mortgages		- 0
		-	
*	Bank and Building Societies		
1			
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
7	National Savings Income Bond	30,000	
20	TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	30,000	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments	30,000	

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME (CONTROLLING INTERESTS) (see notes 58 and 59)

Does the union, or any constituent part of the union, have a controlling interest in any limited company?	YES NO
If YES name the relevant companies:	
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER (if not registered in England & Wales, state where registered)
	M =
Are the shares which are controlled by the union registered in the names of the union's trustees?	YES NO NO
If NO, state the names of the persons in whom the shares controlled by the union are registered.	= 1
COMPANY NAME	NAMES OF SHAREHOLDERS
/2	
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SUMMARY SHEET

(see notes 60 to 71)

	All funds except Political Funds £	Political Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME		V	
From Members	958,949	ш	958,949
From Investments	31,990		31,990
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	159,765		159,765
Total Income	1,150,704		1,150,704
EXPENDITURE (including decreases by revaluation of assets)		-	
Total Expenditure	1,024,966		1,024,966
Funds at beginning of year			
Cundo at haginning of year			
(including reserves) Funds at end of year	1,636,074	*	
(including reserves) Funds at end of year	1,636,074 1,761,812	*	
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)		*.,	
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)			1,636,074 1,761,812 619,392
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	1,761,812		1,761,812
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	1,761,812		1,761,812 619,392 957,529
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	1,761,812 Fixed Assets Investment Assets	Total Assets	1,761,812 619,392 957,529 332,408
(including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves) ASSETS LIABILITIES	1,761,812 Fixed Assets Investment Assets	Total Assets Total Liabilities	1,761,812 619,392

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.

The Benevolent fund was established in 1964 to assist in cases of necessity. It is a registered separate accounts are prepared and are publicly available.	d charity and
The Law Defence fund was created to provide for future legal representation. Over the years, Committee has made an appropriation to this fund when surpluses have been available.	the Finance
The association does not maintain any political fund.	4
The Royal Bank of Scotland has a standard security over the property at Malcolm House, We Edinburgh.	st End Place,
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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(see notes 74 and 75)

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" to the extent that the standard is applicable to the Association.

Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Subscriptions Income

Subscriptions income is included in the financial statements in the year in which it is receivable.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Buildings

2% straight line

Office Equipment

15% straight line

Computer

25% straight line

Investments

Quoted investments are stated at market value. This is a change from previous years where they were stated at the lower of cost or market value. The change in the accounting policy has arisen because of the requirement of FRS102.

No change to the comparative figure has been made because it is considered not to be material and because sufficient information is disclosed in the note to the financial statements.

Pensions

The association operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are included in the financial statements as they become payable.

SIGNATURES TO THE ANNUAL RETURN

(see notes 76 and 77)

including the accounts and balance sheet contained in the return.

Secretary's Scanner Signature:	Chairman's Signature: (or other official whose position should be stated)		
Name: SEAMUS SEARSON	Name: KENIN CAMPBELL		
Date: 12 JUNE 2017	Date: 21 /06 /2017		

CHECK LIST

(see notes 78 to 80)

(please tick as appropriate)

IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?	YES		NO	
(see Page 2 and Note 12) HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN	YES		NO	\Box
COMPLETED?	120			_
(see Page 2 and Note 12)				
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?	YES		NO	
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77)				
HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED?	YES	\boxtimes	NO	
(see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)				
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED?	YES		NO	
(see Notes 8 and 78)				
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS:	ENCLOSED		TO FOLLOW	
(see Note 80)				-
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED	YES		NO	
(see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)	VEO		NO	
IS A MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE PROVIDED	YES	$ \boxtimes $	NO	
(See Pages 23 and 24 and Notes 88 to 94)				

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

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)

YES

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

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)

AUDITORS' REPORT ATTACHED

AUDITOR'S REPORT (section one)

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Signature(s) of auditor or auditors:		
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Name(s):	Tindell, Grant & Co Limited	
Name(s): Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Tindell, Grant & Co Limited Chartered Accountants	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants	
	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse	
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling	
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Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es):	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling	
Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es): Date:	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling FK7 7UU	
Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es):	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling FK7 7UU Mrs Marita Scott	
Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es): Date: Contact name and telephone number:	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling FK7 7UU Mrs Marita Scott 01786 430830	
Profession(s) or Calling(s): Address(es): Date:	Chartered Accountants 6 Munro Road Springkerse Stirling FK7 7UU Mrs Marita Scott 01786 430830	of those notes must accompany

SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Independent auditors' report to the members of SCOTTISH SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

We have audited the accounts of Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Cash Flow Statement, 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) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" to the extent that the standard is relevant to the Association.

This report is made solely to the association's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the association'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 association and the association's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Finance Committee and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Finance Committee's Responsibilities, the Finance Committee members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. We have been appointed under the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (amended 2016) and report in accordance with regulations made under this Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of audit of accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of accounts is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on the accounts

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the association's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act
 1992 (amended 2016); and
- · the information given in the Finance Committee's Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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 (amended 2016) requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- · the association has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- · returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Stephen Grant, Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Findell, Grant & Co Limited

Statutory Auditors

6 Munro Road, Springkerse

Stirling FK7 7UU

06/06/17

Tindell, Grant & Co Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

(see notes 88 to 94)

made in accordance with section 24ZD of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

At the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates was the total membership of the trade union greater than 10,000?

NO

If "YES" please complete SECTION ONE below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

If "NO" please complete SECTION TWO below or provide the equivalent information on a separate document to be submitted with the completed AR21.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE SECTION ONE

For a trade union with more than 10,000 members, required by section 24ZB of the 1992 Act to appoint an independent assurer

1. In the opinion of the assurer appointed by the trade union was the union's system for compiling and maintaining its register of the names and addresses of its members satisfactory to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in its register were accurate and up-to-date throughout the reporting period?

YES/NO

2. In the opinion of the assurer has he/she obtained the information and explanations necessary for the performance of his/her functions?

YES/NO

If the answer to either questions 1 or 2 above is "NO" the assurer must:

- (a) set out below the assurer's reasons for stating that
- (b) provide a description of the information or explanation requested or required which has not been obtained
- (c) state whether the assurer required that information or those explanations from the union's officers, or officers of any of its branches or sections under section 24ZE of the 1992 Act
- (d) send a copy of this certificate to the Certification Officer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is provided to the union.

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT CERTIFICATE

SECTION TWO

For a trade union with no more than 10,000 members at the end of the reporting period preceding the one to which this audit relates.

To the best of your knowledge and belief has the trade union during this reporting period complied with its duty to compile and maintain a register of the names and addresses of its members and secured, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the entries in the register are accurate and up-to-date?

YES

If "NO" Please explain below:

Signature		
Name	Seamus Searson	
Office held	General Secretary	
Date	12 JUNE 2017	