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# FORM AR21

Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992

# **ANNUAL RETURN FOR A TRADE UNION**

Name of Trade Union:	Association of School and College Leaders			
Year ended:	31 December 2012			
List no:	564T			
Head or Main Office:	130 Regent Road Leicester LE1 7PG			
Website address (if available)	www.ascl.org.uk			
Has the address changed during the year to which the return relates?	Yes No X (Click the appropriate box)			
General Secretary:	Mr Brian Lightman			
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Telephone Number:	0116 299 1122			
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PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE NOTES IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS RETURN!  Any difficulties or problems in the completion of this return should be directed to the Certification Officer as below or by telephone to: 020 7210 3734				
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Certification Office for Trade Unions and Employers' Associations 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Euston Tower, 286 Euston Road, London NW1 3JJ

# **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)		TOTALS
MALE	9028	107	2	47		8184
FEMALE	7876	89		25		7990
TOTAL	16904	196	2	72	Α	17174

Number of members included in totals box 'A' above for whom no home or authorised address is held:	0
Number of members at end of year contributing to the General Fund	17174

# **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 the year to which this form relates, with the title of each persons office.

# **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
President	Joan McVittie	Mike Griffiths	1/09/2012
Vice President	Mike Griffiths	Ian Bauckham	1/09/2012
Immediate Past President	John Fairhurst	Joan McVittie	1/09/2012
Hon Treasurer	Peter Kent	Stephen Brierley	1/09/2012

State	whether the union is:		
a.	A branch of another trade union?	Yes	No X
	If yes, state the name of that other union:		
b.	A federation of trade unions?	Yes	No X
uniar	If yes, state the number of affiliated		
	and names:		

# **GENERAL FUND**

(see notes 13 to 18)

WOOME	£	£
INCOME From Members: Contributions and Subscriptions		4,059,827
From Members: Other income from members (specify)		
Total other income from members		
Total of all income from members		4,059,827
Investment income (as at page 12)		65,508
Other Income		00,000
Income from Federations and other bodies (as at page 4)		
Income from any other sources (as at page 4)	1,345,553	
	1,040,000	
Total of other income (as at page 4)		1 245 552
` <del>-</del> '	TOTAL INCOME	1,345,553
EXPENDITURE	TOTAL INCOME	5,470,888
Benefits to members (as at page 5)		0.005.504
Administrative expenses (as at page 10)		2,025,534
Federation and other bodies (specify)		3,086,558
(opening)		
Total expenditure Endorstian and other hadian		
Total expenditure Federation and other bodies  Taxation		
Taxation		
ТОТА	AL EXPENDITURE	5,112,092
Surplus (deficit) for year (plus £165,005 investmen gains)	t	523,801
Amount of general fund at beginning of year		3,018,231
Amount of general fund at end of year		3,542,032

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

(see notes 19 and 20)

DESCRIPTION	£	£
Federation and other bodies		
TOTAL FEDERATION AND	OTUES DODIES	
TOTAL FEDERATION AND	OTHER BODIES	
Other income		
Conferencing and Commission	344,722	
Communications	130,560	
Annual Conference	402,289	
Rent	16,806	
Fees and hire of equipment  ASCL SFM software tool	250,141	
Management recharge	1,800	
ivianagement recharge	199,235	
TOTAL	OTHER INCOME	1,345,553
TOTAL OF ALL	OTHER INCOME	1,345,553

# ANALYSIS OF BENEFIT EXPENDITURE SHOWN AT GENERAL FUND

(see notes 21 to 23)

Education and Training services Conferences and seminars  Negotiated Discount Services	255,688 138,276
Conferences and seminars	138,276
Conferences and seminars	138,276
	138,276
Negotiated Discount Services	
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	1,322,153
Wember support traver & expenses	98,346
Other Renefits and Grants (specify)	
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	8,185
Branon expenses	18,971
Legal support for members	
Legal support for members	183,915
Total (should agree with figure in	
General Fund	2,025,534
	Salary Costs Member support salaries Member support travel & expenses  Other Benefits and Grants (specify) Branch secretary training / support Branch expenses  Legal support for members  Total (should agree with figure in General Fund)

(See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 2	(Odd Hotol 2 + drid 20)		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)		
	То	tal Expenditure	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as		
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

FUND 3			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)		
	To	otal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Def	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributin	g at end of year	

# (See notes 24 and 25)

FUND 4			Fund Account
Name:		٤	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
		***************************************	
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
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Expenditure	Description of the Assessment of the Control of the	<u></u>	
	Benefits to members  Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
		i	
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	a at and of year	
	realities of members conditioning	g at end of year	

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			
Expenditure	Benefits to members		T
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page 10)		
	To	otal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributin	g at end of year	

FUND 6			Fund Account
Name:		£	£
Income			
	From members		
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other inco	me as specified	
		Total Income	
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Expenditure	Benefits to members		······
	Administrative expenses and other expenditure (as at page		
	10)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
		'	
		icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	a at and of year	
	Maniber of members contributing	y at end of year	

FUND 7			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)		
	То	tal Expenditure	
	Surplus (Defi	icit) for the year	
	Amount of fund at be		
	Amount of fund at the end of year (as	Balance Sheet)	
	Number of members contributing	g at end of year	

(see notes 26 to 31)

POLITICAL F	UND ACCOUNT 1 To be completed by trade unions wh	ich maintain their o	wn fund
		£	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Income	Members contributions and levies	¥	£
	Investment income (as at page 12)		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
		Total income	
Expenditure			
	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations		
	(Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)		
	Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
	Non-political expenditure		
	Non political experientale	T-1-1	
	<b>0</b>	Total expenditure	
		us (deficit) for year	
	Amount of political fund at the and of use	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Amount of political fund at the end of year	(as Balance Sheet)	
		r	
	Number of members at end of year contributing		
	Number of members at end of the year not contributing		
Number of me political fund	mbers at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore	contribute to the	
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POLITICAL E	UND ACCOUNT 2 To be completed by trade unions which act as		
	UND ACCOUNT 2 To be completed by trade unions which act as		
Income	Contributions and levies collected from members on behalf of central political fund	£	F
	Funds received back from central political fund		
	Other income (specify)		
	Total other i	ncome as specified	
	rotal other s	Total income	····
Expenditure			
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	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations	Total modifie	
	Expenditure under section 82 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)	Total Alcomo	
	(Consolidation) Act 1992 (specify)  Administration expenses in connection with political objects (specify)		
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Number of members at end of year who have completed an exemption notice and do not therefore contribute to the political fund

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

(see notes 32 and 33)

		£
Administrative		
Expenses		
Remuneration and expenses of staff		1,550,993
Salaries and Wages included in above	£1,409,183	
Auditors' fees		7,230
Legal and Professional fees		42,183
Occupancy costs		69,021
Stationery, printing, postage, telephone, etc.		134,927
Expenses of Executive Committee (Head Office)		
Expenses of conferences		
Other administrative expenses (specify)		
Various – see note 3 to the accounts (excluding "Support for members") on pages 8 & 0		1,184,109
Other Outgoings		
Interest payable:		
Bank loans (including overdrafts)		
Mortgages		
Other loans		
Depreciation		52,443
Taxation		
Outgoings on land and buildings (specify)		
Maintenance		45,652
Other outgoings (specify)		
	Total	3,086,558
Charged to:	General Fund (Page 3)	3,086,558
	Fund (Account )	
	Total	3,086,558

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

Total		СH	153224							
	fits	Value £	1612							
Benefits	Other Benefits	Description	Health Insurance							
	Pension Contribution	ર ત્ર	19493							
Employers N.I.		ĊН	15147							
Gross Salary		Сt	116972							
Office held			General Secretary							

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENT INCOME**

(see notes 45 and 46)

	Political Fund £		Other Fund(s) £
Rent from land and buildings			
Dividends (gross) from:			
Equities (e.g. shares)			55,076
Interest (gross) from:		***************************************	55,076
Government securities (Gilts)		***************************************	
Mortgages			
Local Authority Bonds			
Bank and Building Societies			10,432
Other investment income (specify)			
	***************************************		
	Total in	l √vestment income	65,508
		L	00,006
Credited to	:		
	Gene	ral Fund (Page 3)	65,508
	F	und (Account )	-
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	F	fund (Account )	
	F	fund (Account )	
	F	fund (Account )	
		Political Fund	
	Total In	vestment Income	65,508

# BALANCE SHEET as at

31/12/12

(see notes 47 to 50)

Previous Year		£	£
866,640	Fixed Assets (at page 14)	892,856	
0.054.040	Investments (as per analysis on page 15)		
2,051,949	Quoted (Market value £ 2,295,304)	2,295,304	
1,000 2,052,949	Unquoted Total Investments	1,000 2,296,304	2 190 160
	Other Assets	2,230,304	3,189,160
	Loans to other trade unions	***************************************	
492,174	Sundry debtors	402,638	
414,291	Cash at bank and in hand	926,111	
	Income tax to be recovered		
4,084	Stocks of goods		
	Others (specify)		
3,830,138	Total of other assets		1,328,749
	тот	AL ASSETS	4,517,909
3,018,231	Fund (Account )		3,542,032
	Fund (Account )		
	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		
	Loans: Other		
	Bank overdraft		
130,787	Tax payable	:	125,591
18,783	Sundry creditors		
507,608	Accrued expenses		652,275
119,974	Provisions		151,675
34,755	Other liabilities		46,336
3,830,138	TOTAL	LIABILITIES	4,517,909
3,018,231	тот	AL ASSETS	3,542,032

# **FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT**

(see notes 51 to 55)

	Land and E Freehold Leasehold	Buildings £££	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Not used for union business £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At start of year	1,071,985		578,090			1,650,075
Additions	-		78,659			78,659
Disposals			,			. 5,500
Revaluation/Transfer						
s						
At end of year	1,071,985		656,749			1,728,734
Accumulated Depreciation At start of year						
Charges for year	269,635		513,800		***************************************	783,435
Disposals	14,696		37,747		***************************************	52,443
Revaluation/Transfer			77		***************************************	
	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O					
S At and of years						
At end of year	284,331		551,547	1000000		835,878
Net book value at end of year	787,654		105,202			892,856
Net book value at end of previous year	802,350		64,290			866,640

# **ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS**

(see notes 56 and 57)

QUOTED		All Funds	Political Fund
		Except Political	
		Funds	£
		£	-
	Equities (e.g. Shares)		
		2.424.020	
		2,124,839	
	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	( )		
	Other quoted securities (to be specified)		
	Cash held by investment manager	170 465	
	Cush hold by investment manager	170,465	
	TOTAL QUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	2 205 204	
	Market Value of Quoted Investment	2,295,304	
		2,295,304	
UNQUOTED	Equities		
	Investment in subsidiary	1,000	
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	Government Securities (Gilts)		
	Mortgages		
	Bank and Building Societies		
	Other unquoted investments (to be specified)		
	TOTAL UNQUOTED (as Balance Sheet)	1,000	
	Market Value of Unquoted Investments	1,000	
		1,000	

# **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		YES	NO.
company?			
If YES name the relevant companies:			
COMPANY NAME	COMPANY REGI registered in Engl registered)	STRATION NUMB and & Wales, state	ER (if not where
ASCL Professional Development Limited	02484662		
		7/10.20	
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.			I
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	4,059,827		4,059,827
From Investments	65,508		65,508
Other Income (including increases by revaluation of assets)	1,510,558		1,510,558
Total Income	5,635,893		5,635,893
<b>EXPENDITURE</b> (including decreases by revaluation of			
Total Expenditure	5,112,092		5,112,092
Funds at beginning of year (including reserves) Funds at end of year (including reserves)	3,018,231 3,542,032		3,018,231
(modaling rood)			
ASSETS			
ASSETS	Fixed Assets		892,856
ASSETS	Fixed Assets Investment Assets		892,856 2,296,304
ASSETS			
ASSETS	Investment Assets	Total Assets	2,296,304
LIABILITIES	Investment Assets	Total Assets Total Liabilities	2,296,304 1,328,749

# **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.

See attached accounts				

# **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(see notes 74 and 75)

See attached accounts					***
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(see notes 76 and	d 77)				
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Name:Brian Lightman Na	me: C	arole Baldam.	Oper	ations Director	
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(see notes 78 to	80)				
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IS THE RETURN OF OFFICERS ATTACHED?		YES	(V)	NO	
(see Page 2 and Note 12)		0		110	
HAS THE RETURN OF CHANGE OF OFFICERS BEEN		YES		NO	
COMPLETED?					
(see Page 2 and Note 12)			,—,		F
HAS THE RETURN BEEN SIGNED?		YES		NO	
(see Pages 19 and 21 and Notes 76 and 77) HAS THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BEEN COMPLETED?	•	VEC	<del> /</del> _	NO.	<del> </del>
(see Pages 20 and 21 and Notes 2 and 77)	YES		NO		
IS A RULE BOOK ENCLOSED?		YES		NO	1
(see Notes 8 and 78)		'20		140	Ll
A MEMBER'S STATEMENT IS:	***************************************	ENCLOSE	1	TO FOLLOW	
(see Note 80)		D			
HAS THE SUMMARY SHEET BEEN COMPLETED		YES		NO	
(see Page 17 and Notes 7 and 59)					1

# **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)



# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LEADERS

We have audited the financial statements of the Association of School and College Leaders for the year ended 31 December 2012 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 members, as a body, in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of the officers and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Officers' Responsibilities set out on page 1 the officers 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 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 Association's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the officers and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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 the Association's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of its surplus 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 - continued**

# 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:

- proper accounting records have been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained throughout the year; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

CLEMENT KEYS LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

No. 8 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Birmingham B15 1QT

Date: 25 April 2013

# AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

See attached document			
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Name(s):	Mr Simon Atkins		
Profession(s) or Calling(s):	FCA - ICAEW	<u> </u>	
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N.B. When notes to the accounts are referred to in the auditor's report a copy of those notes must accompany this return.

# ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LEADERS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2012



# Officers

Mike Griffiths, President
Joan McVittie, Immediate Past President
John Fairhurst, Immediate Past President (until 1 August 2012)
Stephen Brierley, Honorary Treasurer
Peter Kent, Immediate Past Honorary Treasurer (until 1 August 2012)
Sue Moore, Membership and Communications Officer
Allan Foulds, Honorary Secretary
Ian Bauckham, Vice President
Brian Lightman, General Secretary

### **Bankers**

HSBC 2-6 Gallowtree Gate Leicester Leicestershire LE1 1DA

National Westminster Bank PLC 135 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3UR

# Investment Manager

Veritas Asset Management (UK) Ltd Elizabeth House 39 York Road London SE1 7NQ

# **Auditors**

Clement Keys LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors No. 8 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Birmingham B15 1QT

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### REPORT OF THE OFFICERS

The Association of School and College Leaders is a professional association and a registered trade union serving the leaders of secondary schools and colleges.

# Statement of Officers' Responsibilities

The constitution requires the officers to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association of School and College Leaders and of the income and expenditure of the Association for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the officers are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue.

The Officers are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Association's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association of School and College Leaders and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the accounting standards. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association of School and College Leaders and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and the maintenance of appropriate internal controls.

The Officers are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Association of School and College Leaders' website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

So far as each of the officers are aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware; and
- the officers have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

## Honorary Treasurer's Report

Support for our members remains the keystone of the Association. The budget has enabled a very broad range of activities, advice, guidance and direct member support to be carried out, as well as continuing to influence national education decisions and policies for the benefit of all members.

The accountants and auditors were able to report no concerns and gave a clean audit report. The spend on direct support for members (legal fees, solicitors, regional and field officers, hotline) amounted to £2,025,534 which is 40% of the total expenditure without taking into account the work of the General Secretary and his team in representing the membership at government level or the guidance and publications issued free of charge to members.

The audited accounts for 2012 came in with a surplus of £358,796. Realised and unrealised gains on the investment portfolio of £165,005 took the total net movement on funds to a surplus of £523,801 for the year. The Association was able to invest a further £115,000 in the legal defence fund which stood at £2,295,304 on the 31 December 2012. The total assets carried forward amounted to £3,542,032.

The surplus was mainly due to an increase in membership and the successful outcome of the trading in ASCL Professional Development Limited which had a particularly good year. As well as contributing financially to the Association, ASCL PD continued to support members with excellent and relevant CPD and consultancies. A new and successful initiative for 2012 was the release of a set of inspection DVDs.

# **REPORT OF THE OFFICERS - continued**

# Honorary Treasurer's Report (continued)

The Association continues to strive to give a first class service to its members and keep up to date with technology. You will note from the Balance Sheet that the fund for a new database planned for 2013/14 now stands at £202,000 and other money has been set aside to update the IT and continue with the refurbishment of the headquarters building. Plans are well ahead for the commissioning of a new website in 2013. The training and updating for all staff remains a priority and during 2012 there was a comprehensive programme of training and CPD.

In conclusion the Association is in a very healthy financial state, more than able to continue to give its members a very high level of service whilst freezing subscriptions for 2013.

### **Auditors**

Clement Keys LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

This report was approved by the Council on 25 April 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

B Lightman - General Secretary

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE LEADERS

We have audited the financial statements of the Association of School and College Leaders for the year ended 31 December 2012 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 members, as a body, in accordance with the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992. 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of the officers and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Officers' Responsibilities set out on page 1 the officers 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 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 Association's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the officers and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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 the Association's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of its surplus 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 - continued

# 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:

- proper accounting records have been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · a satisfactory system of control over transactions has not been maintained throughout the year; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**CLEMENT KEYS LLP Chartered Accountants** 

**Statutory Auditors** 

No. 8 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Birmingham **B15 1QT** 

Date: 25 April 2013

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Income Subscriptions Conferencing and commission Communications Annual Conference Investment income Rent Fees and hire of equipment ASCL SFM software tool Management recharge	2 2	4,059,827 344,722 130,560 402,289 65,508 16,806 250,141 1,800 199,235	3,792,830 350,069 105,054 368,694 44,563 16,158 203,504 54,810 120,964
Total incoming resources		5,470,888	5,056,646
Expenditure		***************************************	<u></u>
Headquarters and central services premises Headquarters staffing Equipment and materials Other central expenses Support for members National meetings and working groups Annual conference	3 3 3 3 3	153,447 1,550,993 264,690 311,396 2,025,534 357,670 448,362	131,177 1,454,973 254,735 332,601 1,943,333 333,841 366,981
Total resources expended		5,112,092	4,817,641
Net incoming resources before recognised gains and losses Other recognised gains		358,796	239,005
Realised and unrealised gains/(lo investments	sses) on 5	165,005	(60,840)
Net movement on funds		523,801	178,165
Reconciliation of funds Funds brought forward at 1 January	ary 2012	3,018,231	2,840,066
Funds carried forward at 31 Dece	mber 2012	3,542,032	3,018,231

Incoming resources and resources expended relate to continuing operations.

There were no other gains and losses for the year other than those recognised above.

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	2012 £	2012 £	2011 £	2011 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments at market value Investment in subsidiary	4 5 6		892,856 2,295,304 1,000		866,640 2,051,949 1,000
Current assets			3,189,160		2,919,589
Cash at bank and in hand Debtors Stock	7	926,111 402,638 -		414,291 492,174 4,084	
		1,328,749		910,549	
Creditors: amounts falling d	ue with	in one year			
Creditors	8	(975,877)		(811,907)	
Net current assets			352,872		98,642
Total assets less current lia	bilities		3,542,032		3,018,231
Funds employed Fixed Asset Fund Building Maintenance Fund Database Upgrade Fund Legal Fee Fund Member Support Staff			892,856 40,000 202,000		40,000 220,000 35,000
Development and Training Fu IT Development Fund Projects Consultancies Fund General Fund Legal Defence Fund	nd		2,597 35,000 - 74,275 2,295,304		39,000 35,000 15,000 582,282 2,051,949
Total Funds	9		3,542,032		3,018,231

Approved by the Oφuncil on 25 April 2013 and signed on their behalf by:

..... TREASURER

...... GENERAL SECRETARY

The attached notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies of the Association are set out below:

### a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of quoted investments to market price. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable accounting standards.

### b) Fixed assets

Depreciation is charged on the freehold buildings in order to write off their cost over their expected useful lives. The rate used is 25% on cost. No depreciation is provided on land.

Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets is charged so as to write off their full cost less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Office furniture and equipment - 25% of net book value per annum

Computer equipment

- 33 1/3% of cost per annum

Motor vehicles

- 33 1/3% of cost per annum

### c) Investments

Investments are valued at mid-market price at the balance sheet date.

### d) Stock

Stock of publications and goods is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### e) Operating leases

Rentals charged on operating leases are written off to the Income and Expenditure Account over the period of the lease.

### Pension costs and liabilities f)

The amount charged to the Income and Expenditure Account as part of staff costs in respect the Association's pensions arrangements represents the employer's contributions due for the year. Please see note 15 for details of The Pensions Trust's Growth Plan.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

		2012 £	2011 £
2	Income		
	Conferencing and commission Conferences and seminars Commission received Writing and speaking fees	208,255 134,067 2,400 344,722	229,490 119,579 1,000 350,069
	Communications Leader Website charges Publications and postage recharge	54,004 26,293 50,263 130,560	58,928 7,830 38,296 105,054
3	Expenditure		
	Headquarters and central services Bank and credit card charges Rates, light, heating and cleaning Amortisation of building Building maintenance Insurance	12,929 69,021 14,696 45,652 11,149	11,999 65,159 14,696 32,011 7,312 131,177
	Headquarters staffing Salaries, NI, pension contributions (inc Specialists, ASCL Wales Sec, PPC) HQ travel expenses Insurance Staff training	1,409,183 70,620 6,892 64,298 1,550,993	1,356,099 57,390 5,089 36,395 1,454,973
	Equipment and materials Hire, maintenance and depreciation of equipment Postage, telephone and mobile connectivity Website purchase General printing, stationery and books	122,617 92,313 7,146 42,614 264,690	105,298 77,050 31,430 40,957 254,735

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

		2012 £		2011 £
3	Expenditure: continued			
	Other central expenses Audit, accounting and professional fees Database support and training Professional support computers Affiliation fees and subscriptions Media and communications Sundry expenses Insurance (members) Research and development Recruitment and advertising Exhibition costs Party political conferences Hospitality and canteen Bad debts written off Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets Underpaid VAT	49,413 38,592 2,036 10,191 34,973 8,007 9,870 13,979 76,847 26,714 10,212 4,090 7,000		63,289 30,671 5,033 6,885 25,600 10,296 10,054 5,300 58,574 41,089 15,667 3,894 7,935 2,598 45,716
	Irrecoverable VAT	19,472		-
		311,396		332,601
	Support for members Conferences and seminars – direct costs Legal support for members Publications and postage Leader Mailings to members Member support salaries Member support travel and expenses Branch secretary training and support Software development Branch expenses	138,276 183,915 92,173 116,306 47,209 1,322,153 98,346 8,185 		169,253 144,337 59,288 123,736 69,046 1,219,041 102,020 10,697 24,226 21,689
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	National meetings and working groups Presidential support Council meetings (accommodation and travel) Annual conference exhibition costs Panels and working groups Subscriptions Travel expenses Specialists HQ travel expenses National and district elections	85,000 148,207 7,203 22,752 14,469 27,951 31,409 20,679		93,638 131,657 16,803 20,844 14,742 27,833 28,324
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

# 4 Fixed Assets

		Freehold land & buildings £	Computer equipment £	equipment	Total
	Cost At 1 January 2012 Additions	1,071,985	466,317 26,876		1,650,075 78,659
	At 31 December 2012	1,071,985	493,193	163,556	1,728,734
	<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2012 Charge for the year	269,635 14,696	420,187 28,136		783,435 52,443
	At 31 December 2012	284,331	448,323	103,224	835,878
	Net book value At 31 December 2012	787,654	44,870	60,332	892,856
	At 31 December 2011	802,350	46,130	18,160	866,640
5	Investments			2012 £	2011 £
	Market value at 1 January 2012 Additions Disposal proceeds Movement in cash Net investment gain/(loss)			2,051,949 434,300 (489,546) 133,596 165,005	2,026,347 335,689 (273,238) 23,991 (60,840)
	Market value at 31 December 2	012		2,295,304	2,051,949
		N 2012 £	larket Value 2011 £	2012 £	Cost 2011
	Other listed investments Cash on deposit	2,124,839 170,465	2,015,079 36,870	1,675,398 170,465	1,738,688 36,870
		2,295,304	2,051,949	1,845,863	1,775,558

Investments are valued at mid-market value at the year end.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

# 6 Investment in subsidiary

The Association's investment at the balance sheet date in the share capital of unlisted companies is as follows:

Subsidiary Undertaking:

ASCL Professional Development Limited

Nature of business:

Provider of professional development for ASCL members and other members of school and college leadership

teams

Class of shares held:

1,000 Ordinary shares

% held:

100%

Net assets as at 31 December 2012: £358,832 (2011: £70,564)

Profit after tax for the year ended 31 December 2012: £297,046 (2011: £41,744)

		2012	2011
7	Debtors	£	£
	Sales ledger balances Other sundry debtors and prepayments Subscriptions in arrears Accrued income Amount due from subsidiary undertaking Amount due from Benevolent Fund Amount due from The ASCL Educational Development Trust	159,179 112,387 9,418 5,736 87,396 10,422 18,100	227,844 80,743 29,348 9,400 133,953 10,886
8	Creditors	402,638	492,174
0	Creditors		
	PAYE and NIC SWPF and other pensions Other sundry creditors and accruals Amounts due to The ASCL Educational Development Trust Subscriptions in advance Subscriptions for lifetime members Commission in advance VAT	96,221 46,336 652,275 - 45,267 52,615 53,793 29,370	89,183 34,755 507,608 18,783 42,859 51,615 25,500 41,604
		975,877	811,907
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

# 9 Analysis of funds

At	1.1.2012	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Investment gain	At 31,12,2012
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset fund	_	-	-	892,856	-	892,856
Building Maintenance Fund Database Upgrade	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Fund	220,000	+	(18,000)	-	-	202,000
Legal Fee Fund	35,000	_	(35,000)	-	-	•
Member Support Staff						
Development and Training						
Fund	39,000	-	(36,403)	-	=	2,597
IT Development Fund	35,000	_	-	-	-	35,000
Projects Consultancies Fund	d 15,000	-	(15,000)	-	-	-
General fund	582,282	5,470,888	(5,007,689)	(971,206)	•	74,275
Legal Defence Fund	2,051,949		-	78,350	165,005	2,295,304
	3,018,231	5,470,888	(5,112,092)		165,005	3,542,032

### Fixed asset Fund

The purpose of this fund is to fund the future depreciation of fixed assets.

# **Building Maintenance Fund**

The purpose of this fund is for the external decoration and maintenance of the property occupied by the Association in Leicester.

# **Database Upgrade Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to cover the costs of migration to a new membership database.

# Legal Fee Fund

The purpose of this fund is for costs of exceptional legal cases with the GTC anticipated in 2012.

# Member Support Staff Development and Training Fund

The purpose of this fund is for development and training within the Member Support department

### IT Development Fund

The purpose of this fund is to cover the costs of future IT development.

# **Projects Consultancies Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to cover the costs of further research into providing a service to members for suppliers providing services to schools (HR, legal etc.) with the increase in academisation together with undertaking a HR audit to ensure all of the association's procedures are up to date.

# Legal Defence Fund

The purpose of this fund is to cover any extraordinary legal defence costs that may arise in future years. The Officers have established a policy whereby the Legal Defence Fund should be maintained within a range of £2,225,000 and £2,500,000 with any shortfall or excess being transferred from or to the General Fund.

# 10 Taxation

The Association is exempt from corporation tax on income which is not trading income.

# 11 Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2012 there were no contingent liabilities.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

### 12 Branch funds

These accounts exclude any funds relating to Branches of the Association. The funds of these branches at 31 December 2012 are £31,956 (2011: £33,692).

# 13 Subsidiary undertaking

The Association has a 100% shareholding in ASCL Professional Development Limited, which is a private company registered in England.

# 14 Related party transactions

During the year, The Association paid for expenses on behalf of ASCL Professional Development Limited totalling £895,549 (2011: £615,858). The balance due to The Association from ASCL Professional Development Limited as at the year ended 31 December 2012 was:

Trade debtor £87,396 (2011 - £100,597) Loan £nil (2011 - £33,356)

A number of the Association's officers are also Trustees of The ASCL Educational Development Trust, from whom £18,100 (2011 - £18,783 liability) was due at the year end.

# 15 Pensions Trust Growth Plan

- 1. The Association of School and College Leaders participates in The Pensions Trust's Growth Plan (the Plan). The Plan is funded and is not contracted-out of the State scheme. The Plan is a multi-employer pension plan.
- Contributions paid into the Plan up to and including September 2001 were converted to defined amounts of pension payable from Normal Retirement Date. From October 2001 contributions were invested in personal funds which have a capital guarantee and which are converted to pension on retirement, either within the Plan or by the purchase of an annuity.
- 3. The rules of the Plan allow for the declaration of bonuses and/or investment credits if this is within the financial capacity of the Plan assessed on a prudent basis. Bonuses/investment credits are not guaranteed and are declared at the discretion of the Plan's Trustee.
- 4. The Trustee commissions an actuarial valuation of the Plan every three years. The purpose of the actuarial valuation is to determine the funding position of the Plan by comparing the assets with the past service liabilities as at the valuation date. Asset values are calculated by reference to market levels. Accrued past service liabilities are valued by discounting expected future benefit payments using a discount rate calculated by reference to the expected future investment returns.
- 5. The rules of the Plan give the Trustee the power to require employers to pay additional contributions in order to ensure that the statutory funding objective under the Pensions Act 2004 is met. The statutory funding objective is that a pension scheme should have sufficient assets to meet its past service liabilities, known as Technical Provisions.
- 6. If the actuarial valuation reveals a deficit, the Trustee will agree a recovery plan to eliminate the deficit over a specified period of time either by way of additional contributions from employers, investment returns or a combination of these.
- 7. The rules of the Plan state that the proportion of obligatory contributions to be borne by the member and the member's employer shall be determined by agreement between them. Such agreement shall require the employer to pay part of such contributions and may provide that the employer shall pay the whole of them.
- 8. The Association of School and College Leaders paid contributions at the rate of 14.1% during the accounting period. Members paid contributions at the rate of 6.2% during the accounting period.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

- 9. As at the balance sheet date there were 29 active members of the Plan employed by The Association of School and College Leaders. The Association of School and College Leaders continues to offer membership of the Plan to its employees
- 10. It is not possible in the normal course of events to identify on a reasonable and consistent basis the share of underlying assets and liabilities belonging to individual participating employers. The Plan is a multi-employer scheme, where the assets are co-mingled for investment purposes, and benefits are paid out of the Plan's total assets. Accordingly, due to the nature of the Plan, the accounting charge for the period under FRS17 represents the employer contribution payable.
- 11. The valuation results at 30 September 2011 were completed in 2012 and have been formalised. The valuation of the Plan was performed by a professionally qualified Actuary using the Projected Unit Method. The market value of the Plan's assets at the valuation date was £780 million and the Plan's Technical Provisions (i.e. past service liabilities) were £928 million. The valuation therefore revealed a shortfall of assets compared with the value of liabilities of £148 million, equivalent to a funding level of 84%.
- 12. The financial assumptions underlying the valuation as at 30 September 2011 were as follows:

	% p.a.
Rate of return pre retirement	4.9
Rate of return post retirement:	
Active/Deferred	4.2
Pensioners	4.2
Bonuses on accrued benefits	0.0
Inflation: Retail Prices Index (RPI)	2.9
Inflation: Consumer Prices Index (CPI)	2.4

- 13. In determining the investment return assumptions the Trustee considered advice from the Scheme Actuary relating to the probability of achieving particular levels of investment return. The Trustee has incorporated an element of prudence into the pre and post retirement investment return assumptions; such that there is a 60% expectation that the return will be in excess of that assumed and a 40% chance that the return will be lower than that assumed over the next 10 years.
- 14. If an actuarial valuation reveals a shortfall of assets compared to liabilities, the Trustee must prepare a recovery plan setting out the steps to be taken to make up the shortfall.
- 15. The Pensions Regulator has the power under Part 3 of the Pensions Act 2004 to issue scheme funding directions where it believes that the actuarial valuation assumptions and/or recovery plan are inappropriate. For example, the Regulator could require that the Trustee strengthens the actuarial assumptions (which would increase the Plan liabilities and hence impact on the recovery plan) or impose a schedule of contributions on the Plan (which would effectively amend the terms of the recovery plan). A copy of the recovery plan in respect of the September 2011 valuation was forwarded to The Pensions Regulator on 2 October 2012, as is required by legislation.
- 16. Following a change in legislation in September 2005 there is a potential debt on the employer that could be levied by the Trustee of the Plan and The Pensions Act 2011 has more recently altered the definition of Series 3 of the Growth Plan so that a liability arises to employers from membership of any Series except Series 4. (Our recent correspondence to all employers refers.) The debt is due in the event of the employer ceasing to participate in the Plan or the Plan winding up.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

- 17. The debt for the Plan as a whole is calculated by comparing the liabilities for the Plan (calculated on a buy-out basis i.e. the cost of securing benefits by purchasing annuity policies from an insurer, plus an allowance for expenses) with the assets of the Plan. If the liabilities exceed assets there is a buy-out debt.
- 18. The leaving employer's share of the buy-out debt is the proportion of the Plan's liability attributable to employment with the leaving employer compared to the total amount of the Plan's liabilities (relating to employment with all the currently participating employers). The leaving employer's debt therefore includes a share of any 'orphan' liabilities in respect of previously participating employers. The amount of the debt therefore depends on many factors including total Plan liabilities, Plan investment performance, the liabilities in respect of current and former employees of the employer, financial conditions at the time of the cessation event and the insurance buy-out market. The amounts of debt can therefore be volatile over time.