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Introduction

This Report, which is the fifth and last to be submitted by me as Certification Officer, covers my activities during the calendar year 1980.

Under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, the Employment Protection Act 1975 and the Employment Act 1980, the Certification Officer is responsible for:

maintaining lists of trade unions and employers' associations;

determining the independence of trade unions;

seeing that trade unions and employers' associations keep accounting records, have their accounts properly audited and submit annual returns; ensuring the periodical examination and separate funding of members' superannuation schemes;

securing observance of the statutory procedures for transfers of engagements,

amalgamations and changes of name;

supervising the statutory requirements as to the setting up and operation of political funds and dealing with complaints by members about breaches of political fund rules;

reimbursing certain expenditure incurred by independent trade unions in

conducting secret postal ballots for specified purposes.

A chapter is devoted to each of these functions, the last of which was conferred during the year by section 1 of the Employment Act. That Act also made a minor change in the provisions governing examination of members' superannuation schemes (see paragraph 4.6).

At the end of 1980 the Certification Office had been in existence for nearly five years. The first part of the period was dominated by the work involved in determining the independence of trade unions. As that work declined, the Office was able to give closer attention to enforcing the accounting and auditing provisions of the 1974 Act, which were found to raise considerable difficulties for some trade unions. This became its major preoccupation during the second half of the period and with the co-operation of those concerned substantial progress was made in raising standards to the level required by Parliament. The Office has been greatly helped in this task by professional advice from the Government Accountancy Service.

At the same time there was, as noted in previous reports, a growth of public interest in trade union political funds; the number of complaints by union members about alleged breaches of political fund rules increased, and some of them raised substantial issues which could not be resolved without a formal hearing.

On the other hand the work concerned with superannuation schemes, like that on the determination of trade union independence, fell away after 1978 and was almost complete by the end of the period. The level of work arising from other functions—maintaining the statutory lists, collecting annual returns, and supervising merger procedures—has remained more stable and this is

likely to continue. It is too early to forecast the volume of applications from trade unions for reimbursement under the balloting provisions of the Employment Act.

During the year Mr. R. L. Foot retired from the position of Assistant Certification Officer and Mr. J. Craig, O.B.E., W.S. from that of Assistant Certification Officer for Scotland. They were replaced by Mr. M. V. Scott and Mr. J. L. J. Craig, W.S. respectively.

The statutory fees to be paid for certain items of work undertaken by the Office were again increased by regulations* made by the Secretary of State.

Lists of Trade Unions and Employers'
Associations

Entry in the lists and its significance

1.1 Lists of trade unions and employers' associations are maintained by the Certification Office in accordance with section 8 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. Copies of the current lists may be inspected, free of charge, at the Certification Office, Cleland House, Page Street, London SW1P 4ND, and in the case of organisations having their head office in Scotland at the office of the Assistant Certification Officer for Scotland, 19 Heriot Row, Edinburgh EH3 6HT.

1.2 As pointed out in previous reports, entry in the lists is usually a simple process and means no more than that the body concerned satisfies the relevant definition in section 28 of the 1974 Act. For trade unions, listing is an essential preliminary to applying for a certificate of independence under section 8 of the Employment Protection Act 1975; it also entitles them to tax relief for expenditure on provident benefits. There are no corresponding advantages for employers' associations.

The lists at 31 December 1980

1.3 Copies of the lists at 31 December 1980 are included in this report, as required by section 8(9) of the 1974 Act, and are reproduced as Appendices 1 and 2. The list of trade unions comprised 461 organisations, of which about 200 were affiliated directly or indirectly to the Trades Union Congress. The list included 278 trade unions which held certificates of independence at that date and 25 which were the subject of a current refusal under section 8 of the Employment Protection Act. The list of employers' associations comprised 181 organisations.

Changes in the lists

1.4 Changes during 1980 are summarised in the table below.

	On lists at 1		s between y 1980 and mber 1980	On lists at 31 December 1980	
		Additions	Removals		
Trade Unions	477	16	32	461	
Employers' Associations	190	nil	9	181	

^{*}The Certification Officer (Amendment of Fees) Regulations 1980 (SI 1980 No. 1708).

Number of trade unions

- 1.5 The number of listed trade unions fell by 16 during 1980, continuing the trend established in 1979. The number of additions to the list was almost the same as in the previous year but the number of removals was somewhat larger. Almost all the additions were recently formed bodies; of the 32 trade unions removed from the list 14 had ceased to exist because of mergers (see chapter 5).
- 1.6 During the year the number of unlisted organisations known to the Office which probably satisfied the statutory definition of trade union fell from about 85 to about 60. Additional organisations come to notice from time to time but in 1980 such additions were more than offset by the number of organisations which ceased to exist or which the Office accepted did not fall within the statutory definition.

Number of employers' associations

1.7 The number of listed employers' associations again fell slightly and there was a substantial drop in the number of unlisted organisations known to the Office, which was about 240 at the end of 1980 compared with about 290 a year earlier.

Changes in the period 1976-1980

1.8 The following table shows the year to year changes in the lists between 1 February 1976, when the Certification Office was set up, and 31 December 1980.

	Trade Unions	Employers' Associations
1 February 1976	421	206
31 December 1976	457	205
1977	485	196
1978	485	194
1979	477	190
1980	461	181

1.9 It will be seen that in the early part of the period the number of listed trade unions rose sharply to reach a peak of 485 at the end of 1977 and that since then it has fallen back to almost the same level as at the end of 1976. The movements are largely accounted for by changes in the numbers of additions to the list and these in turn reflect the flow of applications for certificates of independence which was very heavy during 1976 and declined sharply after mid-1977. The number of listed employers' associations fell slowly throughout the period.

Liaison with the Department of Employment

1.10 The information collected by the Office provides the main basis for updating the Department's Directory of Employers' Associations, Trade Unions, Joint Organisations, etc. and for compiling its annual statistics of the numbers



and membership of trade unions*. The close co-operation between the Office and the Department continued and there was again a slight reduction in the extent of the separate inquiries which the Department had to carry out for these purposes.

^{*}For the 1979 statistics, see the Department of Employment Gazette for January 1981, pages 22-24.

Trade Union Independence

The statutory provisions

2.1 In section 30(1) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 an independent trade union is defined as:

'a trade union which-

- is not under the domination or control of an employer or a group of employers or of one or more employers' associations; and
- (b) is not liable to interference by an employer or any such group or association (arising out of the provision of financial or material support or by any other means whatsoever) tending towards such control'.
- 2.2 The procedure for determining the independence of trade unions is laid down in section 8 of the Employment Protection Act 1975. The Certification Officer must keep a public record of all applications for certificates of independence and of all decisions reached. He may not take a decision on any application until at least one month after it has been entered in the record and must take into account any relevant information submitted by third parties. He is required to give his reasons for a refusal and the union concerned then has the right of appeal to the Employment Appeal Tribunal. The Certification Officer may withdraw a certificate at any time if he is of the opinion that the trade union in question is no longer independent; and where a question as to the independence of a particular union arises in proceedings before ACAS, or certain other bodies, the Act enables that question to be referred to him for decision.

Working methods and criteria

2.3 During 1980 there was no change in the working methods or criteria used by the Office in considering applications for certificates of independence. The process of monitoring the affairs of selected unions, first introduced in 1978, continued and the number of unions covered by the arrangements remained at about 100.

Applications

2.4 Fourteen applications for certificates were received during the year and one case was referred by ACAS for decision in accordance with section 8(12) of the Employment Protection Act. This total, which was slightly larger than that for 1979, confirms the view that applications are likely to continue at a low level with some variations from year to year.

Decisions

2.5 Thirteen certificates were issued, including six to staff associations or similar bodies. One was issued in accordance with a direction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal following an earlier refusal. Two applications were refused, both from staff associations and both on the ground that the union was liable to employer interference within the meaning of part (b) of the definition of 'independent trade union'. Thirteen certificates were cancelled because the organisation concerned had ceased to exist. Details are given in Appendix 3.

Figures for the period 1976-1980

2.6 Between 1 February 1976, when the statutory provisions came into force, and 31 December 1980, 391 applications were received, 319 certificates issued and 49 applications refused. Further details are given in the following table.

	Applica- tions received (including references by ACAS)	Certifi- cates issued*	Applica- tions refused*	Applica- tions withdrawn or lapsed	Applica- tions under considera- tion at end of year
1976 (1 February -31 December)	274(1)	214(1)	16	3	40
1977	63(8)	58(4)	15	1	30
1978	33(5)	25(3)	10	2	26
1979	6	9(3)	6(1)	_	16
1980	15(1)	13(1)	2	4(1)	13(1)
TOTALS at 31 December 1980	391(15)	319(12)	49(1)	10(1)	13(1)

^{*}The figures in these columns have been adjusted to take account of successful appeals against refusals.

()Figures in brackets indicate second applications and are included in the totals.

Appeals

- 2.7 There was one appeal outstanding at 31 December 1979. This was an appeal by the A Monk & Co Staff Association against the refusal of its second application for a certificate of independence. Hearings took place in January and July 1980 and judgment was given by the Employment Appeal Tribunal on 30 July 1980. On its own application, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, which had made representations to the Certification Officer that the Association was not independent, was joined as a party to the appeal.
- 2.8 The Certification Officer had refused the Staff Association's first application for a certificate in 1976; before making a second application the Association had taken certain steps to deal with the reasons for that refusal

but, by a letter dated 3 April 1979, the Certification Officer again determined that the Association was not independent. He considered that because all the Association's members were employed by one company, that company was in a position to apply pressure to it; and that the Association's ability to resist such pressure must be regarded as doubtful taking into account a number of factors, among which were the inclusion in the Association's rules, until recently, of a provision limiting its role in negotiations with management; the eligibility of senior management for membership; lack of evidence of committed support from the members; and over-reliance on facilities provided by the employer.

- 2.9 An appeal from a determination of the Certification Officer that a trade union is not independent may be on a question of fact or law. The Staff Association's appeal was based largely on fact and at the initial hearing in January the Employment Appeal Tribunal considered that there were a number of pending developments and changes about which it would be helpful to have more information before reaching its decision. Accordingly a second hearing was arranged at which evidence was given about developments which had occurred since the first hearing.
- 2.10 In its judgment the Employment Appeal Tribunal emphasised that, as laid down by the Court of Appeal in Squibb United Kingdom Staff Association v Certification Officer (1979 IRLR 355) the appropriate test was whether there was vulnerability to interference tending towards control by the employer. It also agreed with the Certification Officer that it was more difficult for a trade union to satisfy that test where all its members were employed by one company, particularly if the company provided facilities.
- 2.11 The Tribunal considered that certain aspects of the Association's record and status had in the past reasonably given rise to the criticisms made; also that there were weaknesses inherent in the previous negotiating position adopted by the Association and that on the information available to him there was force in many of the objections raised by the Certification Officer. However, whatever the position had been when the Certification Officer had made his decision, significant changes had occurred since, including the appointment at the end of 1979 of an independent consultant/negotiator which had had a substantial effect on the Association's approach. The Tribunal considered that the Association had grown in status over the years; the weaknesses in its negotiating position had been understood and largely removed and the Association could and would survive a withdrawal of the facilities provided by the employer.
- 2.12 For these reasons the Tribunal held that the Association had moved sufficiently along the road to demonstrate that it was not now liable to interference tending towards control by the employer; accordingly the appeal was allowed and a certificate issued in accordance with the Tribunal's direction.



The statutory provisions

- 3.1 Under section 10 of the 1974 Act, every trade union and employers' association (except one which consists wholly or mainly of representatives of constituent or affiliated organisations) must cause proper accounting records to be kept with respect to its transactions, assets and liabilities, and must establish and maintain a satisfactory system of control of its accounting records, its cash holdings and all its receipts and remittances. The accounting records kept must be such as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the organisation and to explain its transactions.
- 3.2 Under section 11 of the Act, the organisation is also (unless it has been in existence for less than twelve months) required to submit an annual return to the Certification Officer in the prescribed form. Schedule 2 provides that the return is to include revenue and other accounts and a balance sheet, which must give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate. A trade union or an employers' association incorporated under the Companies Acts may submit with the return, in lieu of the prescribed accounts, a copy of its accounts prepared under the Companies Acts and so avoid the duplication of broadly similar financial statements. In both cases, the return must show any changes in the organisation's officers or in the address of its head office and must be accompanied by a copy of the rules in force at the end of the period.
- 3.3 Schedule 2 to the Act prescribes that annual returns must be submitted before 1 June in each year and cover the year ending the preceding 31 December. Exceptionally, different arrangements may be made by direction of the Certification Officer, for example if the normal timetable would cause serious inconvenience to the organisation concerned. Ten such directions were issued during 1980.
- 3.4 Schedule 2 also stipulates that the annual return is to include a copy of the auditor's report on the accounts. It confers extensive powers on auditors, who must be professionally qualified unless the organisation's receipts and payments, membership and assets are below a specified level, or certain other special circumstances apply. The Schedule contains detailed provisions about the qualifications, appointment and removal of auditors and confers on them certain rights to have access to books and information and to attend and speak at general meetings of the organisation.
- 3.5 The auditor's report must state whether, in his opinion, the accounts give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate. He has a duty to carry out such investigations as will enable him to form an opinion on whether proper accounting records have been kept, whether a satisfactory system of control has been maintained and whether the accounts are in agreement with

the accounting records. If the statutory requirements have not, in his opinion, been satisfied, or if he fails to obtain all the necessary information and explanations, he must say so in his report.

3.6 With the exceptions already noted, the duties imposed by sections 10 and 11 and by Schedule 2 apply to all trade unions and employers' associations, whether listed under section 8 of the Act or not. Refusal or wilful neglect to perform any of them is an offence for which the organisation concerned may be

prosecuted and fined. The Certification Officer is responsible for enforcing these provisions, but he is not empowered to carry out detailed investigations into the finances of trade unions or employers' associations or to undertake prosecutions for such offences as embezzlement or fraud, which are dealt with

under the ordinary criminal law.

Compliance with the statutory provisions

3.7 Previous reports have described the difficulties which the requirements of the 1974 Act raised for some unions and the progress made in overcoming them. The two main problems identified were the total or partial omission from annual returns of branch transactions or balances, and the inadequate supervision of audit arrangements at branch level.

3.8 In 1979 the Office had concentrated its attention chiefly on major unions with 100,000 members or more; the report for that year recorded that of the 30 unions listed in Appendix 4, 11 appeared to be complying with the Act and in the case of the 19 others there were one or more grounds for doubt as to their compliance. During 1980 discussions continued or were initiated with all the 19 unions in the latter category. By the end of the year the Office was satisfied that 17 of the 31 unions listed in Appendix 4 to this report were in substantial compliance with the Act and another nine had given assurances that the necessary steps towards compliance were being taken. Discussions with the remaining five unions were still in progress.

3.9 It was also possible in 1980 to give closer attention to medium-sized unions, i.e. those with between 25,000 and 100,000 members. Of 33 such unions, 23 were found to be in compliance by the end of the year, seven had agreed to take the necessary corrective action and discussions were in progress with the remaining three. Approaches were also made to a number of smaller unions, most of which had more than 10,000 members, with a view to securing compliance with the Act.

3.10 In short, the progress made during 1979 was fully maintained and the Office has in general continued to receive the ready co-operation both of unions and of their auditors. While it is seldom possible for the necessary changes to be carried out immediately, especially if rule amendments are required, there is every reason to think that the great majority of unions will have reached a satisfactory standard of compliance with the Act within the next two or three years.

3.11 The annual report for 1978 commented that the requirements of the Act did not appear to be causing problems for employers' associations. While

this remains generally true, scrutiny of employers' associations' returns has revealed a few cases which either raised doubts about whether the Act was being fully complied with or gave clear indications that it was not, either because of the exclusion of branch accounts or for other reasons. These questions were taken up with the associations concerned.

Returns for 1979

3.12 Up to 31 December 1980 a total of 827 returns for 1979 had been received as follows:

Listed Trade Unions	428
Unlisted Trade Unions	44
Listed Employers' Associations	160
Unlisted Employers' Associations	195

There were 49 listed trade unions and 30 listed employers' associations which had a statutory duty to render a return but had not done so by the end of 1980. The Office has continued to take appropriate action to see that the Act is complied with.

Trade unions

3.13 Statistics about the membership and finances of trade unions derived from 1979 returns* are given in Appendix 4, together with comparative totals for 1978. Separate figures are again shown for each union with over 100,000 members† together with figures for other listed and unlisted unions.

3.14 Comparability with 1978 figures The statistics in Appendix 4 are based on returns from 475 unions compared with 455 for 1978. All unions of substantial size are included in both sets of figures, which are therefore broadly comparable.

3.15 Membership The trade unions from which returns were received had a total membership of about 13,212,000, of which it is estimated that rather less than 700,000 belonged to trade unions not affiliated directly or indirectly to the Trades Union Congress. The major unions shown in the appendix accounted for about 10,842,000 members or about 82 per cent of the total.

3.16 The total for all unions showed an increase of 159,000 and that for the major unions an increase of 244,000 compared with the 1978 figures. Both these increases were well below the average for recent years and indicate that by the end of 1979 rising unemployment had checked the very rapid growth of union membership which had been a feature of the past decade.

^{*}The figures take into account returns from three trade unions which were received after 31 December 1980.

[†]For the reasons explained in previous reports it may be difficult to correlate these figures with those in the unions' published accounts.



Changes in Expenditure

Changes in trade union membership

77-1	Membership (000's)					
Union	1978	1979	Difference			
Increases:						
Royal College of Nursing National and Local Government	134	162	+28			
Officers Association Union of Construction Allied Trades	729	753	+24			
and Technicians Association of Scientific Technical	325	349	+24			
and Managerial Staffs Amalgamated Union of Engineering	471	491	+20			
Workers—Engineering Section	1,199	1,218	+19			
Transport and General Workers Union National Association of Schoolmasters	2,073	2,086	+13			
and the Union of Women Teachers	141	152	+11			
Decrease:			-			
National Union of Public Employees	712	692	-20			

- 3.18 Changes in membership between 1974 and 1979 Changes in membership of the major unions in the five year period from 1974 to 1979 are shown in Appendix 5. It will be seen that while the membership of all trade unions increased by 20 per cent during the period, several showed much higher figures and that most of these were either public sector or white collar unions or both.
- 3.19 Income and expenditure In 1979 the gross income of trade unions was £234.6 million compared with £197.7 million in 1978. Income from members rose from £171 million to £198 million, reflecting both increased membership and higher subscription rates. Income from investments rose from £17.6 million to £22.7 million.
- 3.20 Gross expenditure rose from £176.5 million in 1978 to £212.5 million in 1979. As the following table shows, the increase covered payments of unemployment and dispute benefit as well as administrative expenses.

	1978 (£ million)	1979 (£ million)	Percentage change
Gross expenditure	176-5	212-5	+20
including (a) total benefits to members including (i) unemployment	29.3	34.1	+16
benefit	0.4	0.5	+25
(ii) dispute benefit (b) administrative expenses	9.1	12-5	+37
and other outgoings*	128.7	156-8	+22

3.21 The table below shows the average annual contribution and total income per member in 1979 together with average annual expenditure on benefits and administration and total expenditure per member. Similar figures are included for 1978.

Average annual income per member			Average	e annual e	xpenditure	per membe	r (a)
	Average contri- bution received	Total income	Unem- ployment benefit	Dispute benefit	All benefits	Adminis- tration expenses and other outgoings	Total expend- iture
1978	1309p	1514p	3p	70p	224p	986p	1352p
1979	1499p	1776p	4p	94p	258p	1186p	1608p

- (a) The amounts given are based on total membership. In some unions not all members contribute for every benefit.
- 3.22 Funds The figures given in Appendix 4 include both general funds and others where applicable, eg, contingency, superannuation and political funds†. During 1979 total funds increased by 8 per cent from £270 million to £295.2 million.

^{*}As pointed out in previous reports, expenditure under this heading covers a range of services to members which includes not only the employment of full-time officials but also the training of shop stewards and others and the provision of legal and other advisory services.

[†]Separate figures for political funds are given in Appendix 6.

3.23 Assets At the end of 1979 gross assets of trade unions amounted to £320-3 million, of which £76-7 million were fixed assets and £172-6 million were investments. Total assets increased in value by 9 per cent, fixed assets by 17 per cent and investments by 2 per cent.



3.24 Figures for the period 1975–1979 The table below gives figures for the membership and finances of trade unions, derived from annual returns received over the five year period from 1975 to 1979. More detailed information will be found in the annual reports covering the years in question.

Trade Union Statistics 1975-1979

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Number of trade					
unions making					
returns	446	484	436	455	475
Number of Members	11,656,418	12,132,773	12,718,911	13,053,596	13,212,354
Gross Income (£000s)	100				
From Members	100,800	130,243	151,637	170,993	198,025
From Investments	12,075	13,184	16,935	17,568	22,661
Other Income	8,841	8,074	8,359	9,153	13,957
Total	121,716	151,501	176,931	197,714	234,643
Gross Expenditure (£000s)					
Employment benefit	831	999	624	377	514
Dispute benefit	3,338	2,039	4,277	9,132	12,468
Total benefits to		2,000	,,2,,	7,132	12,400
members	16,689	18,254	21,912	29,255	34,088
Administration expenses and other			,	,	31,000
outgoings	79,449	94,194	111,734	128,716	156,763
Other expenditure	5,421	9,515	8,362	9.006	8,650
Total	105,728	125,001	146,909	176,486	212,483
Total Funds (£000s)					
Beginning of the year	174,243	189,959	215;192	248,741	273,068
End of the year	190,231	216,459	245,214	269,969	295,228
Gross Assets (£000s)					
Fixed Assets	43,648	50,515	56,821	65,259	76,666
Investments	125,714	138,563	157,358	169,809	172,563
Other Assets	36,404	43,558	49,622	57,797	71,047
Total Assets	205,966	232,636	263,801	292,865	320,276

Employers' associations

3.25 Statistics about the finances and membership of employers' associations derived from the 1979 returns* are given in Appendix 7, together with compara-

tive totals for 1978. Separate figures are given for each association (including some which are unlisted) whose return for 1979 showed its total income as more than £500,000*. Aggregate figures are given for other listed and unlisted employers' associations.

3.26 Comparability with 1978 figures The statistics in Appendix 7 are based on returns from 363 employers' associations compared with returns from 354 associations for 1978. The largest employers' associations, as measured by total income, are included in both sets of figures, which are therefore broadly comparable.

3.27 Income and expenditure In 1979 the gross income of employers' associations was £55.6 million compared with £46.2 million in 1978. Income from members rose from £32.1 million to £37.2 million and income from investments from £2.5 million to £3.5 million. Gross expenditure also increased, from £45 million to £53.4 million.

3.28 Funds The figures given in the appendix include both general funds and, where applicable, funds maintained for specific purposes. During 1979 total funds increased by 10 per cent from £28 million to £30.7 million.

3.29 Assets At the end of 1979 gross assets of employers' associations amounted to £44.8 million, of which £13.4 million were fixed assets and £16.2 million were investments. Total assets increased in value by less than 1 per cent compared with 1978; fixed assets were almost unchanged and investments increased by 15 per cent.

3.30 Figures for the period 1975-1979 The table on page 17 gives figures for finances of employers' associations derived from annual returns received over the five year period from 1975 to 1979. More detailed information will be found in the annual reports covering the years in question.

Public inspection of annual returns

3.31 In accordance with the provisions of section 11(5) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 copies of the annual return (including the rules) of all trade unions and employers' associations are available for public inspection.

3.32 During 1980 all returns from 1974 onwards were put on microfilm and new equipment installed so that copies of the returns can now be viewed at the Certification Office; the current charge is £1 per organisation. Some earlier returns and rules, although kept at the Public Record Office Repository at Hayes, can be inspected at the Certification Office provided that prior notice is given. Others are held at the Public Record Office at Kew; requests for inspection of these and inquiries about inspection charges should be made direct to that Office. Further details are contained in the table on page 16, which applies

^{*}The figures take into account returns from eight employers' associations which were received after 31 December 1980.

^{*}For the reasons explained in previous reports it may be difficult to correlate these figures with those in the association's published accounts. Where an association has functions outside the field of industrial relations the return will relate to its activities as a whole and not merely to its industrial relations functions.

to the returns and rules of all trade unions and employers' associations and supersedes similar information given in the 1978 report (paragraph 3.8).



Employers' Association Statistics 1975-1979

			1975	1976*	1977	1978	1979
Location	Inspection applications to	Number of employers' associations making returns Gross Income (£000s)	410	413	344	354	363
Certification Office	Certification Office	From Members From Investments	22,880 1,424	28,184 1,701	28,846 1,694	32,123 2,540	37,202 3,509
Public Record Office Repository, Hayes, Middlesex	Certification Office	Other Income Total Income Gross Expenditure (£000s)	4,846 29,150 29,678	9,062 38,947 36,625	9,512 40,052 37,016	11,493 46,156 44,955	14,893 55,604 53,431
Public Record Office Kew	Public Record Office Kew	Total Funds (£000s) Beginning of the year End of the year	22,644 22,116	19,536 21,858	22,338 25,374	26,760 27,961	28,541 30,714
	ganisations having their head of the Assistant Certification EH3 6HT.	Gross Assets (£000s) Fixed Assets Investments Other Assets	12,089 11,200 10,498	11,832 11,356 18,624	12,687 12,867 13,720	13,344 14,163 16,886	13,428 16,226 15,172
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Total Assets

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^{*}Recalculated figures as published in 1978 Report.

Superannuation Schemes

The statutory provisions

4.1 The 1974 Act requires that any members' superannuation scheme maintained by a trade union or employers' association* must, unless exempted, be periodically examined by a qualified actuary and a copy of each actuarial report sent to the Certification Officer. No trade union or employers' association may maintain such a scheme, whenever established, unless it also maintains a separate fund for the payment of benefits in accordance with the scheme.

Scope of the provisions

4.2 At the end of 1979 the number of schemes within the scope of the Act had fallen to 31 schemes maintained by 25 unions. During 1980 the number of schemes was further reduced by two. That maintained by the Halifax and District Carpet Power-Loom Tuners Association, previously exempted from actuarial examination, ceased to satisfy the definition of "members' superannuation scheme" because the Association was no longer a trade union; and that maintained by the Printing Trades Alliance ceased to do so because the scheme was converted to one paying lump sum benefits only. The revised figures for coverage of the provisions at the end of the year were therefore 29 schemes maintained by 23 unions, of which eight schemes are exempted from actuarial examination.

Reports received

4.3 At the end of 1979 all unions with schemes subject to actuarial examination had submitted their first actuarial reports and four second reports had been furnished. During 1980 second actuarial reports were received from:

National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers Trade Society of Machine Calico Printers

Reports due

4.4 At 31 December 1980 second actuarial reports on two schemes maintained by the National Graphical Association—those for Litho Trade Group Printers and for the Plate Preparers Section—were overdue. The reports have to be submitted in accordance with directions that the scheme should be re-examined at effective dates not later than 31 March 1978 and 31 March 1979 respectively, and the delay in submitting the report on the first scheme—which the union attributed to a computer malfunction—was commented on in last year's annual report. Despite several reminders, and assurances by the union that efforts were being made to complete the reports as quickly as possible, neither had been received by the end of the year. Further action to obtain them was being considered.

Separate funds

4.5 As recorded in last year's report the funding of two schemes—those maintained by the Bradford and District Power Loom Overlookers Society and the Transport and General Workers Union—was under discussion with the unions concerned at the end of 1979. During 1980 both unions established separate funds in compliance with the Act and this completed the work arising from the separate funding provisions so far as existing schemes are concerned.

Exemption from periodical re-examination

4.6 The Employment Act 1980 widened the Certification Officer's discretion by enabling him to exempt from periodical re-examination a scheme which has already been examined and reported on but which no longer requires such re-examination because of changed circumstances. Schedule 2 to the 1974 Act, as amended, provides that the Certification Officer may, on application by a trade union or employers' association, exempt from examination any members' superannuation scheme which the organisation maintains if he is satisfied that, by reason of the small number of members involved or for any other special reasons, it is unnecessary for the scheme to be examined; and that any such exemption may be revoked if the circumstances by reason of which the exemption was granted have ceased to exist.

^{*}In practice the requirements affect trade unions only; the Office is not aware of any schemes maintained by employers' associations.



Transfers of engagements

5.7 During 1980 the procedures laid down by the Act were used to effect 12 transfers of engagements of trade unions as follows:

ToFrom National Union of Dyers Yorkshire Society of Textile Bleachers and Textile Workers Craftsmen Huddersfield and District Healders and Twisters Trade and Friendly Society British Union of Social Workers National Union of Social Workers Association of Scientific Technical Telephone Contract Officers and Managerial Staffs Association Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd London Staff Association Britannic Assurance Chief Office Staff Association Electrical Electronic Telecommuni-United Kingdom Association cation and Plumbing Union of Professional Engineers Telecommunications Staff Association Steel Industry Management Association Association of Professional National Woolsorters Society Executive and Computer Staff (APEX) National Union of Hosiery and Nottingham and District Dyers Knitwear Workers and Bleachers Association Oldham Provincial Union of Amalgamated Textile Workers Textile and Allied Workers Union-Oldham AWA Division

There were no transfers involving employers' associations.

Transfers of Engagements, Amalgamations and Changes of Name

The statutory provisions

- 5.1 The Trade Union (Amalgamations, etc.) Act 1964, as amended, lays down procedures governing transfers of engagements and amalgamations between trade unions and between unincorporated employers' associations. The procedures apply to both listed and unlisted bodies. Their main purposes are to facilitate the processes of transfer and amalgamation and, at the same time, to safeguard the rights of members affected by the terms of the merger by ensuring that they are fully informed about the proposal and have the opportunity of voting on it. Under a transfer of engagements the transferor organisation loses its legal identity while the transferee organisation continues in being with its legal identity unchanged. An amalgamation produces a new organisation and all the amalgamating bodies cease to exist.
- 5.2 Organisations proposing to enter into a transfer of engagements or an amalgamation must prepare an instrument setting out the proposed terms of the merger. For a transfer of engagements, only the transferor members vote on the resolution approving the instrument; an amalgamation requires a favourable vote by members of each of the amalgamating bodies. If a majority of the votes recorded in the ballot are in favour of the merger, application to register the instrument is made to the Certification Officer.
- 5.3 An interval of six weeks must elapse between application and registration, and during this time any member of the union may complain to the Certification Officer on the ground that one or more of the conditions governing the vote have not been observed. If after hearing both sides the Certification Officer finds the complaint justified he may make an order specifying the steps which must be taken before he will register the instrument. There is a right of appeal against the Certification Officer's decision to the Employment Appeal Tribunal on a question of law.
- 5.4 Documents kept by the Certification Office relating to mergers under the 1964 Act (including the instrument of transfer or amalgamation and the voting figures) are available for public inspection; the current charge is £1 per organisation.

How the Certification Office can help

- 5.5 The guide issued by the Office which explains the merger procedures in detail has continued to be in strong demand. During the year about 80 copies of the guide were issued and a revised edition was produced in December 1980; copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Office.
- 5.6 One point stressed in the guide is the need for early contact between the Office and parties to mergers. As indicated in previous reports, initial drafts of the merger documents should normally be submitted to the Office at least eight weeks before the proposed date on which voting is to commence. Failure to observe this rule has led to difficulties which could easily have been avoided and has sometimes resulted in the ballot having to be postponed.

Amalgamations

5.8 The following amalgamation of trade unions was effected:
Barclays Group Staff Association
Lloyds Bank Group Staff Association
and National Westminster Staff Association

to form the Clearing Bank Union.

There were no amalgamations of employers' associations.

Mergers in the period 1976-1980

5.9 Between 1 February 1976, when the Certification Office was set up, and 31 December 1980, 56 mergers of trade unions were carried out, almost all through transfers of engagements. Details are given in the following table:

Year	Transfers of Engagements	Amalgamations	Total
1976 (1 February-			
31 December)	9	_	9
1977	10	1	11
1978	9	1	10
1979	13	_	13
1980	12	1	13
Total	53	3	56

Only 4 mergers of employers' associations—two transfers of engagements and two amalgamations—took place during the same period.

5.10 In 14 of the 53 transfers of engagements the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs was involved as transferee union. No other union approached this figure; those which came nearest to doing so were the Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (5 transfers), the Transport and General Workers Union (4) and the Engineers and Managers Association (4).

Changes of name

5.11 The 1964 Act stipulates that a change of name of a listed trade union or employers' association must be approved by the Certification Officer before it can take effect. During 1980 changes of name were approved for nine trade unions and five employers' associations.

Political Funds

The statutory provisions

6.1 The Trade Union Act 1913, as amended, enables a trade union or an unincorporated employers' association (whether listed or not) to include the furtherance of political objects, as defined in the Act, among the objects of the organisation and to adopt political fund rules providing for the expenditure of funds on such objects. The proposal to do so must be endorsed by a simple majority in a ballot of the members held under rules approved by the Certification Officer, by whom the rules governing the political fund must also be approved.

6.2 The Act requires the rules to provide, amongst other things, that any payments in the furtherance of the political objects set out in the Act are to be made out of a separate political fund; that members who give notice of their objection in accordance with the Act must be exempted from any obligation to contribute to that fund; that such exempt members must not be excluded from any benefits of the organisation or placed under any disability or disadvantage compared with other members (except in relation to the control or management of the political fund) by reason of their being exempt; and that contribution to the political fund shall not be made a condition for admission to the organisation.

6.3 Members wishing to claim exemption must give notice of their objection in the form laid down in the 1913 Act or in a form to the like effect. Unless contributions to the political fund are collected by a separate levy, exempt members of the organisation must be relieved from the payment of the political element of the normal periodical contributions; the rules must provide for such relief to be given as far as possible to all exempt members on the occasion of the same payment and for enabling each member to know what portion, if any, of his contribution is a contribution to the political fund.

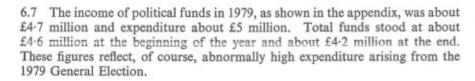
6.4 Any member of an organisation who alleges that he is aggrieved by a breach of a political fund rule may complain to the Certification Officer under section 3(2) of the 1913 Act. If, after giving the complainant and the organisation an opportunity to be heard, the Certification Officer considers that a breach has occurred, he may make an order for remedying it. Under section 5A of the 1913 Act an appeal against the decision of the Certification Officer may be made to the Employment Appeal Tribunal on a question of law.

Number of organisations maintaining political funds

6.5 At the end of 1979 there were 73 trade unions and two employers' associations which maintained political funds. During 1980 three of those trade unions ceased to exist owing to transfers of engagements; one ceased to be a trade union and its political fund was wound up. No new funds were established during the year and the figures at the end of 1980 were therefore 69 trade unions and two employers' associations.

Political funds of trade unions

6.6 Appendix 6 gives statistics derived from the returns for 1979 made by 71 of the 73 trade unions which then maintained political funds. The appendix gives separate figures for each of the 32 trade unions which maintained a political fund of £10,000 or more at the end of the year and aggregate figures for the remaining 39 unions.



6.8 The following table gives comparative figures, where available, for each year from 1974 onwards.

	Income (£ million)	Expenditure (£ million)	Funds at beginning of year (£ million)	Funds at end of year (£ million)
1974	2.0	3.0	NA	NA
1975	2.3	1.9	NA	NA
1976	2.9	2.3	2.0	2.6
1977	3-4	2.5	3.2	4.1
1978	4.0	3-4	3-9	4.5
1979	4.7	5-0	4.6	4.2

6.9 Of the unions for which separate figures are shown in Appendix 6, the following nine gave the proportion of members contributing to the political fund as more than 90 per cent:

National Union of Dyers Bleachers and Textile Workers
National Union of Public Employees
National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers
Transport and General Workers Union
National Union of Railwaymen
Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen
National Union of General and Municipal Workers
Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers
Confederation of Health Service Employees

The following five unions gave the proportion as less than 50 per cent*:

Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers—Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section

National Graphical Association

National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Area)

Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975

Liverpool Victoria Section of the National Union of Insurance Workers

These lists show little change compared with those published in previous reports.

6.10 At 31 December 1979 the 71 trade unions had about 9.9 million members of whom about 8.1 million or 81 per cent were contributing to the political funds. As the following table shows, this last figure has shown very little change since 1976; while the number of unions with political funds declined throughout the period, both the total membership of those unions and the number of members contributing to the funds increased up to 1978 but remained almost unchanged in 1979.

	No of trade unions with political funds	Total Membership (millions)	No of members contributing to political funds (millions)	% of total membership contributing to political funds		
1976	81	9-4	7-6	80-9		
1977	_{2.} 79	9.7	7.9	81.5		
1978	75	9.9	8-1	81.7		
1979	73	9.9	8-1	81.5		
1980	69	NA	NA	NA		

6.11 Exemption notices are obtainable either from the union concerned or from the Certification Office. The Office supplied 84 such notices during 1980.

Political funds of employers' associations

6.12 The total income of political funds maintained by employers' associations was £10,200 in 1979 compared with £8,500 in 1978; expenditure was £400 compared with £200. The funds totalled £178,000 at the end of 1979 compared with £168,000 at the beginning of the year.

^{*}In some cases membership figures may not give a true indication of the number of possible contributors (see Appendix 6, Note (a)).

Amendments to rules

6.13 The 1977 Report noted that the political fund rules of some organisations were out of date in certain respects and that the Office had issued a new set of model rules to assist the updating process. Most trade unions responded to the 1977 circular but 32 which had not were again approached in 1980; by the end of the year over half of these had amended their rules to conform with the new model rules and almost all the others had expressed their intention of doing so.

6.14 Amendments to political fund rules (unlike those to other rules) require the Certification Officer's approval. During 1980, 33 trade unions and both employers' associations with political funds had amendments approved in this way, mainly as a result of the approach just referred to or in order to increase the level of the contribution to the political fund.

Complaints

6.15 During the year the Certification Officer received 20 new complaints by union members about alleged breaches of rule. This was well below the figure of 105 for 1979 (which was abnormally high because of a large number of complaints made by members of one union in one workplace) but above the average for other recent years. There were also 12 complaints carried over from 1979.

6.16 As in 1979 the most common grounds of complaint were that an exemption notice had not been acknowledged or put into effect (9 complaints) and failure to refund the political contribution (8 complaints). Other grounds were as follows:

Expenditure of other than political fund monies on political objects (5) Complainant placed at a disadvantage compared with contributing members (4)

Union operates a system under which political fund contributions are deducted from exempt members and subsequently refunded (3)

Copy of political fund rules not supplied to the complainant by the union (2) Complainant unable to obtain exemption notice on request (1)

Exemption notice 'to like effect' not accepted by union (1)

6.17 Five of the 20 complaints were made by members of the Transport and General Workers Union, 4 by members of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers and 4 by one member of the National Union of Mineworkers. The rest were divided between 7 other unions with one complaint each.

6.18 In 1980 work was completed on 21 complaints which had been either referred to the union concerned during the year or carried over from 1979. Most of these complaints were resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant following action or explanation by the union; other cases were closed because the complainant decided not to pursue the matter. One formal hearing was held under section 3 of the 1913 Act; the Certification Officer's decision is summarised in the following paragraphs.*

6.19 B P McCarthy and Association of Professional Executive Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX) Mr McCarthy made four complaints to the effect that the union had spent, or advised the spending of, money from its general fund on two of the political objects set out in the union's rules; and that such spending was in breach of its rule which required that money spent on political objects must be paid from the political fund. The union accepted that the money spent had come from the general fund but argued that it had not been spent on political objects, within the meaning of that term in the rules. The complaints therefore turned on the interpretation to be given to the two relevant political objects, which are in the same terms as two of the objects in section 3(3) of the Trade Union Act 1913.

6.20 The relevant objects are the expenditure of money

'on the holding of any meeting or the distribution of any literature or document in support of any such candidate or prospective candidate'; (Rule 76(a)(iii)).

'on the holding of political meetings of any kind, or on the distribution of political literature or political documents of any kind, unless the main purpose of the meetings or of the distribution of the literature or documents is the furtherance of statutory objects within the meaning of the Act, that is to say, the regulation of the relations between workmen and masters or between workmen and workmen, or between masters and masters, or the imposing of restrictive conditions on the conduct of any trade or business. and also the provision of benefits to members'. (Rule 76(a)(v)).

6.21 The first complaint concerned money spent on the Special General Election Issue of the union's journal. The Issue was described on its front page as a 'special broadsheet' and was devoted to election material; it did not include the usual material on industrial relations matters or regular features.

6.22 Interpreting the union's political objects, the Certification Officer held as follows:

- (i) There was a 'distribution' of the Election Issue because, contrary to a suggestion made by the union's General Secretary, Mr Grantham, that term covers distribution to members of the union as well as distribution to outsiders.
- (ii) The Election Issue was 'literature or a document' because those expressions between them cover just about every sort of written material.
- (iii) There was a distribution of literature or a document 'in support of any such candidate or prospective candidate' because the Issue gave clear support to Labour candidates who were members of the union and to those standing for marginal seats. Moreover the words 'such candidate or prospective candidate' related to candidates for election to Parliament or to any public office and were not, as had been submitted on behalf of the union, limited to candidates whose expenses had been contributed to by the union.

^{*}Copies of the decision are obtainable from the Certification Office.

- (iv) The Election Issue was 'political' literature or a 'political' document because it was devoted to promoting the election of candidates from one political party and because it expressly asked for support for selected named candidates.
- (v) The Election Issue was not a normal issue of the journal and that therefore the purpose of distributing it must be looked at separately from the purpose of distributing the APEX journal as a whole.
- (vi) The main purpose of the distribution of the Election Issue was not the furtherance of the statutory objects (as had been argued by the union, on the basis that the Issue had been distributed to assist it in carrying out its function of regulating the relations between workers and employers); the direct and obviously apparent purpose was to bring about the election of a Labour Government whereas the purpose of improving the working conditions of members of the union could only be indirect.
- 6.23 The Certification Officer therefore found the first complaint well-founded both under rule 76(a)(ii) and rule 76(a)(v).
- 6.24 The second complaint concerned money spent on the June 1979 issue of the union's journal which contained a feature condemning the Government's proposals to de-nationalise parts of certain industries. The Certification Officer decided that, since the article was not distributed on its own, it was the purpose of the distribution of the whole June issue which he had to look at and the main purpose of that distribution was the furtherance of the statutory objects. He therefore held that the complaint, which had been made under rule 76(a)(v) only, was not justified.
- 6.25 The third complaint concerned the money spent on the General Election Issue of the union's Area and Branch Circular. The Issue was entirely confined to election matters. The Certification Officer found that there was a 'distribution' of the Circular even though it was sent not to members but to areas and branches (that is, to lay and other officials). Further, he decided on the facts that the General Election Issue was not a normal issue and that therefore it had to be looked at separately to discover the main purpose of the distribution. On that basis, applying relevant decisions made on the first complaint, the Certification Officer held that this complaint also was well-founded under rule 76(a)(ii) and rule 76(a)(v).
- 6.26 The fourth complaint was that advice in the February 1979 Area and Branch Circular that branches could purchase 'Labour Weekly' from their general fund was ill-founded. However, there was no allegation that there was in fact any such expenditure and therefore no allegation that there had been a breach of any rule; the Certification Officer therefore held that the complaint was not one with which he could deal under the 1913 Act.
- 6.27 The Certification Officer concluded that since the first and third complaints were justified, expenditure on the distribution of the Election Issues of the Journal and the Circular should have been met from the union's political fund



instead of its general fund. He held that expenditure on distribution covered only expenditure on actual distribution, e.g. postal and packaging costs, and not preparation costs such as expenditure on writing, printing or production.

6.28 The union was asked to produce an assessment of the sum spent on the distribution of the documents. It assessed the amount at £1,022·10 and Mr. McCarthy raised no objection to the assessment. The Certification Officer therefore ordered the union to transfer that amount from its political to its general fund, and the union agreed to do so.

Appeals

6.29 The 1979 Report summarised the Certification Officer's decision in the case of D. J. Reeves and Transport and General Workers Union. It also mentioned that Mr. Reeves had appealed against the decision and the union had cross-appealed, and that the appeals were awaiting hearing at the end of the year.*

- 6.30 In its judgment, given in April 1980, the Employment Appeal Tribunal dismissed the appeal but allowed the union's cross-appeal. The main points in the judgment are summarised below.
- 6.31 Mr. Reeves, who had exercised his right to 'contract out' of contributing to the union's political fund, was paying the full amount of the union subscription under the check-off system when it fell due, including the amount of the political contribution. He had been refunded in respect of the political contribution sometimes before the date when it was payable and sometimes afterwards. The rules of the union required exempt members such as Mr. Reeves to be 'relieved from' payment of the political contribution. The Certification Officer had held these words to mean that if a member had paid the amount of the political contribution when it fell due and was given a refund later, he was not relieved from payment and there was a breach of the rules.
- 6.32 The Employment Appeal Tribunal held that the rules did not, as was contended on behalf of Mr. Reeves, require that relief must be given when a contribution is paid so that the union could only comply with its rules by collecting a net amount from exempt members. The Tribunal accepted the Certification Officer's view that it was not possible, under the check-off system operated by Mr. Reeves' employer, to collect a net amount from him and agreed that in the circumstances a payment in advance of the date when the political contribution became payable was not in breach of the rules.
- 6.33 However, the Tribunal also held, disagreeing with the Certification Officer, that if it was established that payment in advance was impossible, a repayment made as soon as reasonably possible after the date when the amount of political contribution had been paid would not be in breach of the rules. The Tribunal made it clear that repayments should be made automatically by the union without Mr. Reeves having to apply for them. If he had to apply, that might wholly change the position.

^{*}Annual Report of the Certification Officer 1979 paragraphs 6.29-6.35.

6.34 Because of its view that in some circumstances repayments in arrears could be within the rules the Tribunal considered that it would be wrong for the Certification Officer's order against the union to stand. It also held that the order should be set aside on a further ground; under the 1913 Act an order could be made only to remedy a breach of rule and since any money owing to Mr. Reeves had been paid and the union intended to continue to repay him in advance, there was no past breach to be remedied, no continuing breach, and no threat of a breach in the future.



Funds for Trade Union Ballots

The statutory provisions

- 7.1 Under section 1 of the Employment Act 1980 the Certification Officer is empowered to refund certain costs incurred by independent trade unions in the holding of secret postal ballots for specified purposes. The conditions to be observed, together with other detailed provisions, are laid down in a Scheme contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Employment.*
- 7.2 The Scheme applies only to secret postal ballots. This means first that the ballot must be so conducted as to secure, so far as reasonably practicable, that those voting may do so in secret; and second that the arrangements must
 - (a) require those voting to do so by marking a voting paper; and
 - (b) provide that those voting shall individually return the voting paper by post to the trade union conducting the ballot or to another person responsible for counting the votes.

The Scheme does not cover non-postal or workplace ballots.

- 7.3 The ballot must be held for one or more of the following purposes:
 - (a) obtaining a decision or ascertaining the views of members as to the calling or ending of a strike or other industrial action;
 - (b) carrying out an election, provided for by the rules of the union, to its management committee or to the positions of an officer (i.e. president, chairman, secretary or treasurer) or employee of the union;
 - (c) amending the union's rules;
 - (d) obtaining a decision on a proposal to merge with another union in accordance with the Trade Union (Amalgamations, etc.) Act 1964.
- 7.4 The Regulations lay down certain conditions which must be met for a ballot to qualify for payment under the Scheme. These are:
 - (a) that the holding of the ballot was not in contravention of the rules of the trade union;
 - (b) that any requirements in the rules of the trade union as to the conduct of the ballot were complied with;
 - (c) in the case of a ballot containing a question for the purpose of ascertaining the views of members of a trade union as to the calling or ending of a strike or other industrial action that, so far as reasonably practicable, the ballot was conducted so as to secure that all members likely to be called upon to participate in the action, or participating in the action, as the case may be, were entitled to vote;

^{*}The Funds for Trade Union Ballots Regulations 1980 (SI 1980 No. 1252).

- (d) that those entitled to vote were allowed to vote without interference or constraint;
- (e) that, so far as reasonably practicable, those entitled to vote had a fair opportunity of voting;
- (f) that where the votes on any question have not been counted, the decision not to count them was taken because of a change in circumstances occurring after the first day on which voting papers were despatched or given to persons entitled to vote which materially affected the issue to which the question related;
- (g) that where the votes have been counted, they have been fairly counted.

In general, the Certification Officer may not make any payments under the Scheme if he considers that any of these conditions have not been satisfied or if any assurances asked for about observance of the conditions have not been given by the trade union concerned.

- 7.5 The Scheme includes special provisions applying to ballots conducted under the Trade Union (Amalgamations, etc.) Act 1964 on a resolution to approve an instrument of amalgamation or transfer.
- 7.6 Payments may be made, within limits laid down in the Regulations, towards the postal costs of the ballot, the stationery and printing costs of voting papers and envelopes, and any relevant literature enclosed with the voting papers. Refunds in respect of approved claims cannot be made earlier than six weeks after the date on which the result of the ballot is published or the date of the application, whichever is the later.
- 7.7 The Scheme came into force on 1 October 1980 and applies to any ballot where the voting period ended on or after that date.

General

7.8 By the end of the year the Office had dealt with a number of inquiries about the Scheme but no applications for refunds had yet been received. Copies of an explanatory leaflet entitled 'Funds for Trade Union Ballots' and of the official application form may be obtained free of charge from the Office.



Appendix 1 (see paragraph 1.3)

LIST OF TRADE UNIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 1980

Notes:

Trade unions entered in the list during 1980 are shown in italics.

- *Denotes a trade union holding a certificate of independence at 31 December 1980.
- †Denotes a trade union whose application for a certificate of independence was refused and which had not, at 31 December 1980, obtained a certificate as a result of a subsequent application.

England and Wales

*Abbey National Staff Association

Accrington District Power Loom Overlookers Association

†Alumasc Employees Association

- *Amalgamated Association of Beamers Twisters and Drawers (Hand and Machine)
- Amalgamated Association of Beamers Twisters and Drawers (Hand and Machine) Preston and District Branch
- *Amalgamated Felt Hat Trimmers Wool Formers and Allied Workers Association
- *Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers Shipwrights Blacksmiths and Structural Workers
- *Amalgamated Society of Journeymen Felt Hatters and Allied Workers
- *Amalgamated Society of Textile Workers and Kindred Trades
- *Amalgamated Society of Wire Drawers and Kindred Workers

Amalgamated Tape Sizers Friendly Protection Society

Amalgamated Textile Trades Union Wigan Chorley and Skelmersdale District

- *Amalgamated Textile Warehousemen
- *Amalgamated Textile Warehouse Operatives (Bolton and District Branch)
- *Amalgamated Textile Workers Union
- *Amalgamated Textile Workers Union Central Lancashire and Calderdale
- *Amalgamated Textile Workers Union (Southern Area)
- *Amalgamated Textile Workers Union-Staff Section
- *Amalgamated Union of Asphalt Workers

Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers

- *Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers (Constructional Section)
- *Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers-Engineering Section
- *Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers Foundry Section
- *Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers—Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section
- *A Monk and Company Staff Association
- *Anglia Hastings and Thanet Building Society Staff Association
- †Arts Council of Great Britain Staff Association
- *Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association
- *Associated Metalworkers Union
- *Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen
- *Association for Adult and Continuing Education

Association of Agricultural Education Staffs

*Association of British Dental Surgery Assistants

*Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs

*Association of Cambridge University Assistants

Association of Career Teachers

*Association of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians

*Association of Clinical Biochemists Limited

*Association of Community Home Schools

*Association of Education Officers

*Association of First Division Civil Servants

†Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen

*Association of Government Supervisors and Radio Officers

*Association of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Taxes

Association of HSDE (Hatfield) Employees

*Association of Local Authority Chief Architects

*Association of Local Authority Chief Executives

Association of Local Government Lawyers

*Association of Magisterial Officers

*Association of Management and Professional Staffs

*Association of Managerial Staff of the National Bus Company and Subsidiary Companies

*Association of National Health Service Officers

*Association of Nurse Administrators

*Association of Official Architects

*Association of Optical Practitioners Limited

*Association of Passenger Transport Executives and Managers

*Association of Patternmakers and Allied Craftsmen

*Association of Planning Officers

Association of Plastic Operatives and Engineers

*Association of Polytechnic Teachers

*Association of Principals of Colleges

*Association of Professional Executive Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX)

*Association of Public Service Finance Officers

*Association of Public Service Professional Engineers

*Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs

Association of Somerset Inseminators

Association of Staff of Probation Hostels

*Association of University Teachers

Association of Vice Principals of Colleges

Australian Mutual Provident Society Staff Association

*Bakers Food and Allied Workers Union

Balfour Beatty Group Staff Association

*Banking Insurance and Finance Union *Bank of England Staff Organisation

†Bank of New Zealand (London) Staff Association

*Barclays Group Staff Union

Beamers Twisters and Drawers Hand and Machine of Blackburn and Bolton

Birmingham and District Association of Club Stewards and Hotel Managers



*Blackburn and District Amalgamated Power Loom Overlookers Association Blackburn and District Tape-sizers Society

*Blackburn and District Weavers Winders and Warpers Association

*Bolton and District Powerloom Overlookers Trade Sick and Burial Association

*Bolton and District Power Loom Weavers Winders Warpers Loom Sweepers and Ancillary Workers Association

*Bolton and District Union of Textile and Allied Workers

*Bradford and Bingley Building Society Staff Association Bradford and District Power Loom Overlookers Society

*Britannic Field Staff Association

*British Actors Equity Association Incorporating the Variety Artistes Federation

*British Aerospace (Dynamics Group) Employees Association

*British Aircraft Corporation Limited Senior Staff Association

*British Air Line Pilots Association

*British Association of Colliery Management

*British Association of Occupational Therapists Limited

*British Cement Staffs Association

British Ceramic Research Association Staff Association

*British Dental Association

*British Federation of Textile Technicians

*British Fire Service Federation

British Hospital Doctors Federation

*British Medical Association

*British Orthoptic Society

*British Roll Turners Trade Society

*British Transport Officers Guild British Union of Social Workers

Building Trades Union

†Burmah Engineering Senior Staff Union

Burnley and District Branch of the Amalgamated Association of Twisters and Drawers (Hand and Machine)

Burnley and District Tape Sizers Protective Society

*Burnley Building Society Staff Association

Burnley Nelson Rossendale and District Textile Workers Union

Cadbury Limited Representatives Association

*Cadbury Schweppes Senior Managers Association

Cadbury Typhoo Representatives Association

Cantonian High School Staff Association

Card Dressers Society

*Card Setting Machine Tenters Society

†Carlsberg Brewery Staff Association

*Ceramic and Allied Trades Union

*Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

*Chelsea Building Society Staff Association

Chemistry Societies Staff Association

*Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers Association

Church and Oswaldtwistle Power-Loom Overlookers Society
*Civil and Public Services Association

*Civil Service Union

*Clearing Bank Union

*Clerical and Secretarial Staffs Association of the University of Liverpool Clerical Medical and General Staff Association

*Cloth Pressers Society

Colman Association of Staff

*Colne and Craven Textile Workers Association

*Colne and District Power Loom Overlookers Association

*Colne and District Textile Warehouse Association

*Colne District of the Amalgamated Association of Twisters and Drawers

†Commercial Bank of Australia (London) Staff Association

*Commercial Union Group Staff Association

*Community and Youth Service Association *Confederation of Bank Staff Associations

*Confederation of Health Service Employees

†Construction Industry Training Board Staff Association

*Corporation of London Staff Association

*COSESA

Cotton Rayon and Allied Fibres Tapesizers Association Council of Civil Service Unions

*Coventry Economic Building Society Staff Association Cumberland Colliery Officials Association

†Dean Clough Staff Association

†Derbyshire Building Society Staff Association

Design Council Staff Association Dexion (Hourly Paid Staff) Union

*Diplomatic Service Association

*Eagle Star Staff Association

Electrical and Mechanical Instrument Makers Association

*Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union

*EMI Electronics Limited Junior and Middle Management Staff Association Engineering Officers Technical Association

*Engineers and Managers Association English Chiropodists Association

Essex Association of Tutors in Adult Education

†Federation of Cadbury Schweppes Representatives Associations

*Federation of Nursing Personnel

*Federation of Professional Officers Associations

*Film Artistes Association

*Fire Brigades Union

Football League Secretaries Managers and Coaches Association Football Pools Collectors Union

*Foremens Association of the British Aircraft Corporation Limited Military Aircraft Division

*Furniture Timber and Allied Trades Union

Gateway Building Society Staff Association General and Technical Services Union



General Dental Practitioners Association

General Federation of Trade Unions

General Telephone Systems Ltd and Associated Companies Staff Association

*General Union of Associations of Loom Overlookers

Graphic and Creative Arts Association

*Greater London Council Staff Association

*Grindlays Staff Association

Guild of County Land Agents and Valuers

*Guild of Directors of Social Services

*Guild of Local Authority Valuers and Estate Surveyors

*Guild of Medical Secretaries

*Guild of Professional Teachers of Dancing

*Guild of Senior Officers of the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority

*Guild of Textile Supervisors

*Guild of Water Service Senior Officers

*Guinness Brewing Staff Association (UK)

*Guinness (Park Royal) Supervisory Association

Halcrow Staff Association

Halifax and District Powerloom Overlookers Society

*Halifax Building Society Staff Association

Headmasters Conference

*Health Visitors Association

Hongkong Bank Group UK Staff Association

Hosiery and Textile Dyers and Auxiliary Association

*Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association

*Hospital Doctors Association

*Hospital Physicists Association

†HSD (Stevenage) Staff Association

*Huddersfield and Bradford Building Society Staff Association Huddersfield and Dewsbury Power Loom Overlookers Society

*Hyde and District Loom Overlookers Association

Ideal Field Staff Association

*Imperial Group Staff Association

*Imperial Supervisors Association (Imperial Tobacco Limited)

Independent Union of Owner Operators

*Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Inner London Schoolkeepers Society

*Institute of Journalists

*Institution of Professional Civil Servants

Inter Employees Association

*Iron and Steel Trades Confederation

Jeyes Representatives Association

Johnson Matthey Chemicals Royston Staff Society

†Johnson Matthey Headquarters Staff Society

Joint Boots Pharmacists Association

Joint Industry Board for the Electrical Contracting Industry

†Jones and Shipman Administrative Staff Association

KDG Industries Staff Association †Kosset Staff Association

Laker Airways Cabin Attendants Association Laker Airways Flight Crew Association

*Lancashire Box Packing Case and General Woodworkers Friendly Relief Sick Superannuation and Burial Society

Leeds and District Power Loom Overlookers Society

*Leek and Westbourne Staff Association *Legal and General Staff Association

*Leicester Building Society Staff Association

Leicestershire Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers Association

*Liverpool Victoria Section of the National Union of Insurance Workers

*Lloyds Bank Group Staff Union

Lloyds Register (UK) Staff Association

London Jewel Case and Jewellery Display Makers Union

*London Society of Tie Cutters

*Lufthansa Staff Association United Kingdom

Managerial Staff Association of the Provincial Insurance Group of Companies

*Manchester Pilots Association

Manchester Salford and District Society of Brewers and General Coopers

*Merchant Navy and Airline Officers Association

*Military and Orchestral Musical Instrument Makers Trade Society

*Musicians Union

National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers

*National and Local Government Officers Association

National Association of Chief Housing Officers

*National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers Cannock Chase Area

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers Durham Area

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers Midland Area

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers (Northumberland Area)

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers North Western Area

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers (South Wales Area)

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers (Stafford-shire Area)

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers (Yorkshire Area)

*National Association of Co-operative Officials

*National Association of Executives Managers and Staffs

*National Association of Fire Officers National Association of Grooms *National

*National Association of Head Teachers

National Association of Heads and Matrons of Assessment Centres

*National Association of Inspectors and Educational Advisers

*National Association of Licensed House Managers

*National Association of NFU Group Secretaries

National Association of Power-Loom Overlookers

*National Association of Probation Officers

*National Association of Schoolmasters and the Union of Women Teachers

*National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education

*National Association of Theatrical Television and Kine Employees

*National Association of Unions in the Textile Trade

National Federation of Sub-Postmasters
*National Graphical Association

*National League of the Blind and Disabled

*National Owner Drivers Association UK

*National Society of Brushmakers and General Workers

*National Society of Metal Mechanics

*National Society of Operative Printers Graphical and Media Personnel

*National Tile Faience and Mosaic Fixers Society

National Unilever Managers Association

*National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers

*National Union of Blastfurnacemen Ore Miners Coke Workers and Kindred Trades

*National Union of Club Stewards

National Union of Co-operative Insurance Agents

*National Union of Co-operative Insurance Society Employees

*National Union of Domestic Appliance and General Metal Workers

*National Union of Dyers Bleachers and Textile Workers

*National Union of Flint Glass Workers

*National Union of General and Municipal Workers

*National Union of Gold Silver and Allied Trades

National Union of Hebrew Teachers of Great Britain and Ireland

*National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers

*National Union of Insurance Workers

*National Union of Insurance Workers Prudential Section

*National Union of Insurance Workers Royal London Section

*National Union of Journalists

*National Union of Local Authority Secretaries

*National Union of Lock and Metal Workers

*National Union of Mineworkers

National Union of Mineworkers (Cannock Chase and Pelsall District) (Midland Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Cokemens Area)

*National Union of Mineworkers (Colliery Officials and Staffs Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Colliery Officials and Staffs Area) Region No 2

National Union of Mineworkers (Colliery Officials and Staffs Area) Region No 3

National Union of Mineworkers (Colliery Officials and Staffs Area) Region No 4 National Union of Mineworkers (Cumberland Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Derbyshire Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Enginemen Group No 1 Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Mechanics Group No 1 Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Kent Area) *National Union of Mineworkers (Leicester Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Midland Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (North Stafford Federation Midland Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Northumberland Area)

*National Union of Mineworkers (Northumberland Mechanics Group No 1 Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (North Wales Area) *National Union of Mineworkers (North Western Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (North Western Area) Pendlebury Branch

*National Union of Mineworkers (Nottingham Area) *National Union of Mineworkers (Power Group Area)

*National Union of Mineworkers (South Derbyshire Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (South Wales Area)

National Union of Mineworkers (Warwickshire District Midlands Area)

*National Union of Mineworkers (Yorkshire Area)

*National Union of Public Employees

*National Union of Railwaymen

National Union of Recreation and Sports Employees

*National Union of Scalemakers

*National Union of Seamen

*National Union of Sheet Metal Workers Coppersmiths and Heating and Domestic Engineers

*National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers

*National Union of Teachers

*National Union of Textile and Allied Workers (Rochdale Districts)

*National Union of the Footwear Leather and Allied Trades

*Nationwide Building Society Staff Association

*NatWest Staff Association

*Nelson and District Association of Preparatory Workers

Nelson and District Branch of the Amalgamated Association of Beamers Twisters and Drawers (Hand and Machine)

*Nelson and District Clothlookers and Warehouse Association

Nelson and District Powerloom Overlookers Society

New Towns Chief Officers Association

NFER Staff Association

*North-East Coast Tug-Boatmens Association

*Northern Carpet Trades Union

*Northern Colliery Officials and Staffs Association

*Northern Counties Textile Trades Federation

*Northern Rock Building Society Staff Association (NORSA)

*Northern Textile and Allied Workers Union

*North Lancashire and Cumbria Textile Workers Association Nottingham and District Federation of Club Stewards



Oldham Association of Loom Overlookers

*Oldham Provincial Union of Textile and Allied Workers Organisation of CPL Technicians

*Pattern Weavers Society

†Playboy Staff Association

*PMB Staff Association

Portman Staff Association

*Post Office Engineering Union

*Post Office Management Staffs Association

*Power Loom Carpet Weavers and Textile Workers Union

Pressed Glass Makers Society of Great Britain

*Preston and Districts Powerloom Overlookers Association Pride of Golborne Miners Branch

*Printing Trades Alliance

*Prison Officers Association

*Professional Association of Teachers

†Professional Flight Instructors Association

Professional Footballers Association

Prosecuting Solicitors Society of England and Wales

Provincial Building Society Staff Association

*Radio and Electronic Officers Union

†Rank Hotels Staff Association

Redifon Simulation Staff Association

*Retail Book Stationery and Allied Trades Employees Association

*Retained Firefighters Union

*Retired Officers Association Robert Hirst Staff Association

*Rolls-Royce Management Association

*Rossendale Union of Boot Shoe and Slipper Operatives

*Rowntree Mackintosh Sales Staff Association

*Royal College of Midwives

*Royal College of Nursing of the United Kingdom

Royal Insurance Branch Managers Association

RSPB Staff Association

Rumbelows Branch Managers Association

Rumbelows Retail Staff Association (RRSA)

Schering Chemicals Representatives Association

†Schweppes Limited Representatives Association

*Screw Nut Bolt and Rivet Trade Union

*Secondary Heads Association

*Sheffield Sawmakers Protection Society Sheffield Wool Shear Workers Trade Union

*Skipton and District Power-Loom Overlookers Association

†Société Générale Staff Association

*Society of Authors Limited

*Society of Chiropodists

*Society of Civil and Public Servants (Executive Directing and Analogous Grades)

*Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975

*Society of Lithographic Artists Designers Engravers and Process-Workers

*Society of Metropolitan and County Chief Librarians

*Society of Post Office Executives

*Society of Public Analysts and Other Official Analysts

*Society of Radiographers

Society of Registration Officers (Births Deaths and Marriages)

Society of Remedial Gymnasts *Society of Shuttlemakers

*Society of Union Employees (NUPE)

*Squibb UK Staff Association

Stable Lads Association

Staff Association of the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board

†Staff Association of the S W Farmer Group of Companies

†Staffordshire Building Society Staff Association

*Star Aluminium Managerial Staff Association

*Sun Alliance and London Staff Association

*Sun Life Staff Association

Sussex County Staff Association

*Teston Independent Society of Cricket Ball Makers

*Textile Manufacturing Trades Federation of Bolton and Surrounding Districts

*Thames Water Staff Association

*Tobacco Mechanics Association

*Tobacco Workers Union

Trade Society of Machine Calico Printers

*Transport and General Workers Union

*Transport Salaried Staffs Association

†Trebor Sharps Limited Salesmens Association

*Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (National Association of the Teachers of Wales)

*Union of Communication Workers .

*Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians

*Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers

*United Association of Power Loom Overlookers

*United Friendly Agents Association

*United Friendly Divisional and District Managers Association

†United Friendly Head Office Management Association

†United Friendly Insurance Co Ltd Assistant Managers Association

†United Road Transport Union

*Walsall Lock and Keysmiths Male and Female Trade Society

Whatman Reeve Angel Staff Association

Willerby Staff Association

Woolwich Independent Staff Association

*Writers Guild of Great Britain

*Yorkshire Association of Power Loom Overlookers



Scotland

Aberdeen Trawl Officers Guild

*Association of Lecturers in Colleges of Education in Scotland Association of Lecturers in Scottish Central Institutions

District Nursing Association

*Educational Institute of Scotland

Glasgow and West of Scotland Power Loom Tenters Society

Honours Graduate Teachers Association

National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers (Scottish Area)

National House Building Council Staff Association

National Union of Insurance Workers—Royal Liver and Composite Section National Union of Mineworkers Group 2 Scottish Colliery Enginemen Boilermen and Tradesmens Association

Professional Staff Association of Scottish Woodland Owners Association (Commercial) Limited

Scottish Approved Schools Staff Association

Scottish Association of Amenity Supervisory Staffs

Scottish Association of Local Government and Educational Psychologists

Scottish Association of Nurse Administrators

*Scottish Carpet Workers Union

Scottish Equitable Staff Association *Scottish Further Education Association

*Scottish Health Visitors Association

Scottish Joint Industry Board for the Electrical Contracting Industry

*Scottish Prison Officers Association

*Scottish Secondary Teachers Association

*Scottish Union of Power Loom Overlookers

Appendix 2 (see paragraph 1.3)

LIST OF EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AT 31 DECEMBER 1980

England and Wales

Advertising Film and Videotape Producers Association

Art Studios Photographic Laboratories Association

Association of British Orchestras

Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain

Association of Clothing Contractors

Association of Glass Container Manufacturers

Association of Midland Advertising Agencies

Association of Northern Advertising Agencies

Association of Northern Master Electrotypers and Stereotypers

Birmingham Horse and Motor Vehicle Owners Association

Birmingham Wholesale Fruit Flower and Potato Merchants Association

Blackburn District Textile Manufacturers Association

Bolton and District Textile Employers Association

British Amusement Catering Trades Association

British Apparel Manufacturers Association Limited

British Association of Lithographic Plate Manufacturers

British Bag Federation

British Box and Packaging Association

British Brush Manufacturers Association

British Carton Association

British Ceramic Manufacturers Federation

British Decorators Association

British Exhibition Contractors Association

British Film Producers Association Limited

British Lace Federation

British Leavers Lace Manufacturers Association

British Lock Manufacturers Association

British Paper and Board Industry Federation Limited

British Precast Concrete Federation Limited

British Printing Industries Federation

British Ready Mixed Concrete Association

British Scrap Federation

British Shipping Federation

British Textile Employers Association (Cotton Man-made and Allied Fibres)

Central Lancashire Engineering Employers Association

China Clay Association

Cinematograph Exhibitors Association of Great Britain and Ireland

Clothing Manufacturers Federation of Great Britain

Contractors Plant Association

Co-operative Employers Association

Coventry and District Engineering Employers Association



East Anglian Printing Industries Alliance

East Anglian Ship and Boat Building Employers Association

Eastern Representative Provincial Organisation of Local Authority Employers for Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical Services and Manual Worker Services

East Midlands Engineering Employers Association

East Midlands Local Authorities Employers Organisation

Electrical Contractors Association

Engineering and Shipbuilding Employers Association—Yorkshire and Humberside

Engineering Employers Association of South Lancashire Cheshire and North Wales

Engineering Employers Association of South Wales

Engineering Employers East Anglian Association

Engineering Employers Federation

Engineering Employers London Association

Engineering Employers Sheffield Association (South Yorkshire and North Midlands)

Engineering Employers West of England Association

Essex and Hertfordshire Representative Provincial Organisation of Local Authority Employers (for Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical Services and Manual Worker Services)

Federation of Bakers

Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors

Federation of Design and Engineering Contractors

Federation of Dredging Contractors

Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers

Federation of London Wholesale Newspaper Distributors

Federation of Master Builders

Federation of Master Organ Builders

Federation of Medium and Small Employers

Graphic Reproduction Federation

Grimsby Fishing Vessel Owners Association

Hampshire Yacht and Boat Builders Association

Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association

Hinckley and District Knitting Industry Association

Hull Association of Port Labour Employers

Hull Fishing Industry Association

Hull Master Stevedores Association

Independent Steel Employers Association Institute of Iron and Steel Wire Manufacturers

Kent Ship and Boat Building Employers Association Knitted Textile Dyers Federation

Lancashire and Cheshire Printing Industries Alliance

Leather Producers Association
Leek and District Manufacturers and Dyers Association
London and South Eastern Furniture Manufacturers Association
London Association of Shore Gang Contractors
London Dress Makers and Allied Contractors Association
London Enclosed Docks Employers Association
London Printing Industries Association
Lowestoft Fishing Industry Association

Mastic Asphalt Council and Employers Federation Limited
Merseyside Master Boatmen and Dock Pilots Association
Mid-Anglian Engineering Employers Association
Mid-Southern Representative Provincial Organisation of Employers Local
Authorities Services
Midland Printing Industries Alliance
Multiple Food Retailers Employers Association
Multiple Shoe Retailers Association
Multiwall Sack Manufacturers Employers Association
Music Trades Association Limited

National Association of Glove Manufacturers
National Association of Master Bakers Confectioners and Caterers
National Association of Plumbing Heating and Mechanical Services Contractors
National Association of Restaurant Engineers
National Building and Allied Hardware Manufacturers Federation
National Federation of Building Trades Employers
National Federation of Master Window Cleaners
National Federation of Retail Newsagents

National Federation of Retail Newsagents
National Fillings Trades Association
National Hairdressers Federation
National Master Farriers Blacksmiths and Agricultural Engineers Association
National Pharmaceutical Association Limited
National Sawmilling Association

National Society of Provincial Wholesale Sunday Newspaper Distributors National Trainers Federation

National Union of Small Shop Keepers of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Newspaper Publishers Association Limited

Newspaper Society

North East Association of Small Mines North Eastern Printing Industries Alliance

North East Lancashire Textile Manufacturers Association

North Lancashire Textile Employers Association

North of England Engineering Employers Association North Wales Slate Quarries Association

North Western Printing Industries Alliance

North West Lancashire Engineering Employers Association

Office Machines and Equipment Federation Overall Manufacturers Association of Great Britain



Printing Industries Alliance of Wales Provincial Wholesale Newspaper Distributors Association

Representative National Organisation of Employers of Local Authorities Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical Services

Representative National Organisation of Employers of Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers)

Representative National Organisation of Employers of New Towns Staffs Representative Organisation of Local Authorities Services (Building and

Civil Engineering)

Representative Organisation of the North Eastern Provincial Employers of Local Authorities Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical Services

Representative Organisation of the Northern Provincial Employers of Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers)

Representative Organisation of the South Western Provincial Employers of Local Authorities Services (Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical)

Representative Organisation of the South Western Provincial Employers of Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers)

Representative Organisation of the Western Provincial Employers of Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers)

Rochdale and Yorkshire Textile Employers Association

Rochdale Engineering Employers Association

Shirt Collar and Tie Manufacturers Federation
Showmens Guild of Great Britain
Slag Employers Association
Smithfield Market Tenants Association London
Society of British Printing Ink Manufacturers
South Eastern Local Authorities Employers Organisation
Southern Representative Provincial Organisation of Employers Local
Authorities Administrative Professional Technical and Clerical Services
South Western Master Printers Alliance
Stourbridge Crystal Glass Manufacturers Association

Test and County Cricket Board Thames Ship and Boat Builders Association Timber Packaging and Pallet Confederation

Vehicle Builders and Repairers Association

Welsh Engineers and Founders Association West Midlands Engineering Employers Association

Yorkshire Glass Manufacturers Association Yorkshire Printing Industries Alliance

Scotland

Absociation of Floor Covering Contractors (Scotland) Association of Jute Spinners and Manufacturers Association of Scottish Advertising Agencies

Electrical Contractors Association of Scotland

Federation of Scottish Bank Employers Flaxspinners and Manufacturers Association of Great Britain

Glasgow and District Retail Fleshers Association Glasgow Area Federation of Community Based Housing Associations

Hawick Knitwear Manufacturers Association Hebridean Spinners Advisory Committee

Malt Distillers Association of Scotland

National Cooperage Federation

Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers Federation

Scottish Association of Marine Electrical Contractors

Scottish Daily Newspaper Society

Scottish Decorators Federation

Scottish East Coast Association of Shiprepairers and Shipbuilders

Scottish Engineering Employers Association

Scottish Glass Merchants and Glaziers Association

Scottish Grocery Trade Employers Association

Scottish House Furnishers Federation

Scottish Lace and Window Furnishing Association

Scottish Newspaper Proprietors Association

Scottish Pharmaceutical Federation

Scottish Timber Merchants and Sawmillers Association

Scottish Woollen Trade Employers Association

Society of Master Printers of Scotland



Appendix 3 (see paragraph 2.5)

DECISIONS ON TRADE UNION INDEPENDENCE DURING 1980

Trade unions issued with certificates of independence under section 8 of the Employment Protection Act 1975

*A Monk and Company Staff Association (2nd application)

Association of British Dental Surgery Assistants

Association of Local Authority Chief Architects

Barclays Group Staff Union

Clearing Bank Union

Corporation of London Staff Association

Dipomatic Service Association

Federation of Professional Officers Associations

Guild of Directors of Social Services

Halifax Building Society Staff Association

Lloyds Bank Group Staff Union

Manchester Pilots Association

NatWest Staff Association

Trade unions whose applications for certificates of independence were refused

Johnson Matthey Headquarters Staff Society Staffordshire Building Society Staff Association

Certificates cancelled because the union ceased to exist owing to an amalgamation or a transfer of engagements

Amalgamated Textile Workers Union-Oldham AWA Division

Barclays Group Staff Association

Huddersfield and District Healders and Twisters Trade and Friendly Society

Lloyds Bank Group Staff Association

National Union of Social Workers

National Westminster Staff Association

National Woolsorters Society

Steel Industry Management Association

Telecommunications Staff Association

Telephone Contract Officers Association

United Kingdom Association of Professional Engineers

Yorkshire Society of Textile Craftsmen

Certificate cancelled because the union had been dissolved

Amalgamated Society of Woolcomb Hackle and Gill Makers

^{*}Certificate issued in accordance with a direction of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Notes

- (a) The gross assets figures take no account of liabilities. The net worth of unions is indicated in column 11.
- (b) By far the largest part of the income from members is derived from regular contributions but a very small part (probably less than 1%) is derived from such items as sale of diaries.
- (c) Investment income is net of certain items such as outgoings on property held as an investment but for most unions tax paid on investment income has not been deducted.
- (d) Total income and total expenditure include all items which increased or decreased a union's total funds during the year and are not confined to normal revenue income and expenditure. Tax recoveries and provisions no longer required are therefore included in total income.
- (e) For most unions the figure for total benefits to members comprises sums, such as sickness benefit and dispute benefit, paid direct to individual members; for some unions however expenditure on more general items of benefit, for instance, group insurance policies or convalescent homes, is included.
- (f) These figures have been adjusted to take account of later information.
- (g) Less than £500.
- (h) These figures include those of the 29 areas and other constituents of the union which submit separate returns.
- (i) Formerly the Union of Post Office Workers.



Summary of Statistics—Trade Unions (see paragraph 3.13)

	Number of Members	GRO	OSS INC	OME		GROSS	EXPENI	DITURE		TOT		(GROSS A	SSETS (a	a)
Unions each with 100,000 members or more:		(2) (2) From Members	(E) Prom \$0000 Investments	(4) Soop Total Income	Soo Benefit	(9) Dispute Benefit	(2000) Total Benefits soon to Members	Administration So Expenses and Other Outgoings	(6,000) Total (sop) Expenditure	(000 the Year	soon End of the Year	Fixed Assets	f000s (13)	0000s (14)	(15) s Total Assets
Transport and General Workers Union Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers Constructional Section Engineering Section Foundry Section Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section National Union of General and Municipal Workers National and Local Government Officers Association National Union of Public Employees Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing	2,086,281 36,073 1,217,760 55,720 200,054 967,153 753,226 691,770 491,000 470,017	23,702 	2,690 97 1,225 87 164 1,531 403 817 69 580	26,423 30 824 15,014 743 3,312 17,644 13,207 9,958 6,760 6,066	95 4 — — — 9	1,943 -4 2,080 76 143 789 1,238 1,723 196 125	5,145 77 5,313 252 246 2,869 1,491 2,421 216 401	17,091 26 671 7,906 675 2,361 11,743 7,250 6,861 5,320 4,727	24,883 26 771 14,376 969 2,766 15,655 14,315 9,937 6,498 5,506	36,208 1 1,106 18,722 998 (f) 2,574 18,906 11,597 (f) 11,900 3,288 5,245	37,748 5 1,159 19,360 772 3,120 20,895 10,489 11,921 3,550 5,805	14,843 (g) 337 6,302 108 1,258 6,224 6,368 2,709 1,938 350	19,711 724 10,252 639 1,307 6,460 4,945 8,520 158 3,156	5,012 18 104 3,049 142 673 8,261 1,295 2,048 2,089 2,303	39,566 1,165 19,603 889 3,238 20,945 12,608 13,277 4,185 5,809
Union National Union of Mineworkers (h) Union of Construction Allied Trades and Technicians National Union of Teachers Civil and Public Services Association Confederation of Health Service Employees Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975 Union of Communication Workers (i) National Union of Railwaymen Royal College of Nursing National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of	443,621 372,122 348,875 290,740 223,884 212,930 205,784 203,452 170,294 161,962	5,679 9,083 3,993 3,120 5,025 2,772 3,528 4,037 3,801 1,901	586 1,717 314 520 329 129 92 296 1,986	6,451 11,866 4,380 3,757 5,889 2,931 4,792 4,390 5,805 1,901	13 — 40 —	260 — 1,465 78 1 — 4	898 1,149 765 125 1,722 238 453 339 1,167 16	4,069 7,082 3,173 2,646 2,843 2,226 3,039 3,020 2,875 1,885	5,430 8,821 4,150 3,303 5,532 2,592 3,616 3,919 4,299 1,901	7,041 (f) 18,913 (f) 2,472 6,597 5,225 2,417 2,968 4,574 (f) 16,609	8,062 21,948 2,702 7,051 5,582 2,756 4,144 5,045 18,115	2,590 1,681 1,257 797 2,489 877 2,277 1,194 2,070	4,895 14,674 1,762 5,809 2,881 1,692 942 3,091 15,030	817 6,680 50 636 448 357 1,112 760 1,340 1,161	8,302 23,035 3,069 7,243 5,818 2,926 4,331 5,045 18,440 1,161
Women Teachers Association of Professional Executive Clerical and	152,222	1,556	128	1,782	_	_	92	1,383	1,627	1,651	1,806	460	331	1,223	2,014
Computer Staff (APEX) Banking Insurance and Finance Union	150,611 131,774	2,413 1,524	234 41	2,906 1,598	=	664 1	69 16	1,803 1,315	2,185 1,384	3,129 492	3,850 706	779 238	2,243 241	1,104 300	4,126 779
Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers Shipwrights Blacksmiths and Structural Workers Post Office Engineering Union National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers National Graphical Association Iron and Steel Trades Confederation Society of Civil and Public Servants Institution of Professional Civil Servants	129,712 125,723 117,362 111,541 110,276 107,957 102,142	1,823 2,932 1,286 2,496 1,900 3,705 2,679	308 52 346 837 951 168 166	2,137 2,986 1,683 3,434 3,099 3,932 2,917	(g) 72 (g) (g)	91 12 (g) 611 — 801 157	276 341 154 1,193 487 905 168	1,551 2,271 1,136 1,725 1,861 2,489 2,300	1,926 2,933 1,376 3,069 2,463 3,458 2,508	3,265 2,844 3,372 10,930 9,987 (f) 2,943 1,918	3,476 2,897 3,679 11,295 10,623 3,417 2,327	557 1,938 500 349 556 1,367 371	2,584 381 3,004 9,452 10,105 970 773	785 921 234 1,564 867 1,440 1,358	3,925 3,241 3,738 11,365 11,528 3,776 2,502
Total of above unions with 100,000 members or more Total of 371 other listed unions with less than	10,842,038	153,616	16,863	178,607	240	11,862	29,004	115,323	162,194	217,892	234,305	62,784	136,732	48,151	247,667
100,000 members	2,355,844	41,105	5,541	52,337	274	606	4,424	39,329	46,576	53,731	59,492	13,693	34,906	22,201	70,800
Total of listed unions Trades Union Congress Total of 43 other unlisted unions which have submitted returns	13,197,882	194,721 2,855 449	22,404 217 40	230,944 3,086 613	514 (g)	12,468 — (g)	33,428 653 7	154,652 1,572 539	208,770 3,136 577	271,623 989 456	293,797 939 492	76,477 66 123	171,638 657 268	70,352 532	318,467 1,255 554
TOTAL for all unions for 1979 TOTAL for all unions for 1978	13,212,354 13,053,596	198,025 170,993	22,661 17,568	234,643 197,714	514 377	12,468 9,132	34,088 29,255	156,763 128,716	212,483 176,486	273,068 248,741	295,228 269,969	76,666 65,259	172,563 169,809	71,047 57,797	320,276 292,865



Changes in Trade Union Membership 1974-1979

	Trade Union	31	December 1979 (000s)	Cha (00		Perce ag Char	e
	t and General Workers Union nated Union of Engineering Workers	1,857	2,086	+	229	+	12
Constr	uctional Section ering Section	1,199		+	9 19	+	33
	ry Section cal Administrative and Supervisory	128	200	_	72	_	10
	Union of General and Municipal	884	967	+	83	+	90
National	and Local Government Officers	1					
Associ National Associati	Union of Public Employees on of Scientific Technical and	542 508	753 692	+	211 184	+	39 36
Manag	gerial Staffs Shop Distributive and Allied	332	491	+	-159	+	48
Worke		353	470	+	117	+	33
Plumb National	ing Union Union of Mineworkers Construction Allied Trades and	421 376	444 372	+	23 4	+	5
Techni		261 267	349 291	++	88 24	+	34
Confeder	Public Services Association ration of Health Service Employees	215 143	224 213	++++	9 70	+++++	49 49 8
Union of	of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975 Communication Workers	(b) 190 190	206 203	+	16 13	+	7
Royal Co	Union of Railwaymen ollege of Nursing	(c) 173	170 162	+	61	+	60
Union	Association of Schoolmasters/ of Women Teachers on of Professional Executive	59	152	+	93	+	158
Clerica Banking Amalgan	Il and Computer Staff (APEX) Insurance and Finance Union nated Society of Boilermakers	138 100	151 132	+	13 32	++	9 32
Worke	rights Blacksmiths and Structural rs ce Engineering Union	130 126	130 126		nil nil		nil nil
National Worke	Union of Tailors and Garment	116	117	+	1	+	1
Iron and	Graphical Association Steel Trades Confederation	109 120	112 110	+	10	+	3
Society of	of Civil and Public Servants on of Professional Civil Servants	74 101	108 102	++	34	+	46
TOTAL	of all unions	11,044	13,212	+	2,168	+	20

Notes

⁽a) Unions which changed their names since 31 December 1974 are shown under the names now in use.

⁽b) This figure relates to 31 December 1975.

⁽c) This figure relates to 31 March 1978.

Notes

- (a) Some members included in these figures (eg. retired members) may be exempt from paying union contributions and others may be ineligible to contribute to the political fund.
- (b) These figures have been recalculated or adjusted to take account of later information.
- (c) Less than £500.

Political Funds of Trade Unions

(see paragraph 6.6)

Unions each with a political fund of £10,000 or more:	Total Union	Number of	% of Total		POLITICA	AL FUND	
omons each with a pointeal faile of 210,000 of more.	Membership	Members Con- tributing to the Political Fund	% of Total Membership Contributing to Political Fund	Income	Expenditure	Fund at Beginning of the Year	Fund at End of the Year
	(a) (1)	(2)	(3)	£000s (4)	£000s (5)	£000s (6)	£000s (7)
Transport and General Workers Union National Union of Mineworkers National Union of Mineworkers (Durham Area) Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers	2,086,281 372,122 42,218	2,024,749 244,304 16,759	97 66 40	620 465 34	812 395 30	1,032 750 223	840 820 227
Constructional Section Engineering Section Foundry Section Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section National Union of General and Municipal Workers National Union of Public Employees National Union of Railwaymen Union of Shop Distributive and Allied Workers Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers Shipwrights Blacksmiths and Structural Workers Association of Professional Executive Clerical and Computer Staff (APEX) National Union of Sheet Metal Workers Coppersmiths Heating and Domestic Engineers Post Office Engineering Union Society of Graphical and Allied Trades 1975 National Union of Dyers Bleachers and Textile Workers Union of Construction Allied Trades and Textile Workers Union Furniture Timber and Allied Trades Union Electrical Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen Iron and Steel Trades Confederation National Graphical Association National Association of Theatrical Television and Kine Employees National Union of the Footwear Leather and Allied Trades National Association of Colliery Overmen Deputies and Shotfirers Confederation of Health Service Employees Fire Brigades Union National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers Liverpool Victoria Section of the National Union of Insurance Workers Tobacco Workers Union	36,073 1,217,760 55,720 200,054 967,153 691,770 170,294 470,017 129,712 150,611 73,482 125,723 205,784 56,843 348,875 38,362 85,036 443,621 27,478 110,276 111,541 64,744 18,000 19,146 212,930 41,533 117,362 2,985 19,685	26,320 1,010,335 41,677 98,750 897,396 678,197 163,875 436,445 78,875 117,458 56,765 89,567 50,700 56,669 200,000 32,595 51,872 380,770 26,001 95,617 50,949 58,034 12,500 18,648 195,151 26,100 106,083 221 10,116	73 83 75 49 93 98 93 61 77 71 25 100 57 85 61 86 95 87 46 90 97 92 63 90	12 491 21 98 627 657 179 211 70 96 31 82 30 39 104 16 121 25 45 12 12 25 3 18 18 22 6 6 7 6 7 6 7 7 8 7 8 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	8 488 29 85 522 719 205 284 48 114 71 95 58 28 107 18 12 150 34 64 18 34 11 16 83 13 26 (c) 8	16 360 22 110 396 (b) 301 (b) 230 207 108 135 100 66 78 32 40 32 25 53 31 38 21 23 11 —15 11 —15	20 363 14 123 501 239 204 134 130 117 60 53 50 43 37 30 29 24 22 19 15 14 14 13
Total of above 32 unions	8,713,191	7,353,482	84	4,310	4,575	4,475	4,210
Total of 39 other unions with political funds	1,229,773	746,814	61	358	467	138	29
TOTAL of 71 unions with political funds for 1979	9,942,964	8,100,296	81	4,668	5,042	4,613	4,239
TOTAL of 72 unions with political funds for 1978	9,887,597	8,082,361	82	4,045	3,417	3,902	4,530

Appendix 7

Summary of Statistics-Employers' Associations

Notes

- (a) The gross assets figures take no account of liabilities. The net worth of employers' associations is indicated in column 6.
- (b) Income from Investments includes interest on short term deposits.
- (c) Total Income and Total Expenditure include all items which increased or decreased an employers' association's funds during the year and are not confined to normal revenue income and expenditure. Tax recoveries and provisions no longer required are therefore included in Total Income.
- (d) Less than £500.
- (e) These figures have been adjusted to take account of later information.

Summary of Statistics—Employers' Associations (see paragraph 3.25)

	G	ROSS INCOM	E		TOTAL	FUNDS	GROSS ASSETS (a)				
Employers' associations each with over £500,000 Total Income:	From Members £000s (1)	From Investments (b) £000s (2)	Total Income (c) £000s (3)	Gross Expenditure (c) £000s (4)	Beginning of the Year £000s (5)	End of the Year £000s (6)	Fixed Assets	Investments £000s (8)	Other Assets £000s (9)	Total Assets £000s (10)	Number of Members (11)
Engineering Employers Federation	1,650	357	2,166	1,904	3,608	3,870	140	3,948	487	4,575	18
West Midlands Engineering Employers Association	664	38	984	984	818	818	334	511	85	930	1,210
Engineering Employers London Association	665	61	846	809	313	350	81	238	103	422	850
Engineering Employers West of England Association	323	. 19	568	558	152	162	128	17	99	244	454
13 other Engineering Employers Associations in Great Britain National Farmers Union	1,913 5,224	160 217	2,481 5,596	2,303 5,337	1,236 7,774	1,414 8,033	754 5,856	311 1,077	1,091 2,185	2,156 9,118	3,369 125,856
General Council of British Shipping	1,402	16	4,581	4,603	1,110	1,088	743	15	1,255	2,013	229
British Shipping Federation National Federation of Building Trades Employers Freight Transport Association Limited Chemical Industries Association Limited Test and County Cricket Board British Printing Industries Federation 10 Constituent Associations in Great Britain Electrical Contractors Association Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors Road Haulage Association Limited British Paper and Board Industry Federation	3,321 660 1,468 738 784 393 787 736	280 97 103 27 58 57 57 47 73	3,799 2,893 2,115 2,044 960 862 1,729 1,135 1,089	3,766 2,802 2,186 2,044 977 831 1,743 910 1,047	1,917 878 71 436 228 (e) 602 205 568	1,950 969 (d) 419 259 588 430 610	906 972 85 110 300 154 111 413	1,264 141 — 176 83 4,706 198 198	1,116 335 289 262 160 1,183 239 544	2,868 2,229 420 289 548 543 6,043 588 1,155	10,146 15,890 339 19 14 3,164 2,193 518 15,045
Limited National Federation of Retail Newsagents Newspaper Society Heating and Ventilating Contractors Association	865 747 692 432	56 53 66 115	993 824 818 756	997 741 789 756	154 697 185 212	150 780 214 212	85 280 58 108	111 382 82 315	288 335 27 183	484 997 415 606	109 28,367 293 1,185
Incorporated National Association of British and Irish Millers Limited Dairy Trade Federation British Jewellery and Giftware Federation Limited Federation of Master Builders Publishers Association Newspaper Publishers Association Limited	587 459 126 574 462 539	22 79 43 24 1	669 666 662 650 584 540	731 625 614 554 554 534	258 4 193 372 (e) -21 25	196 45 241 468 9 31	5 62 16 184 51 37	261 276 6	255 136 173 121 119 43	307 198 450 581 170 86	4,400 2,035 20,328 257 10
Total of above employers' associations Total of 128 other listed employers' associations Total of 187 other unlisted employers' associations	26,211 5,133 5,858	2,448 540 521	41,010 6,999 7,595	39,699 6,564 7,168	21,995 3,195 3,351	23,306 3,630 3,778	11,973 1,434 21	14,363 1,822 41	12,059 2,490 623	38,395 5,746 685	236,344 56,010 749
TOTAL of all employers' associations for 1979 TOTAL of all employers' associations for 1978	37,202 32,123	3,509 2,540	55,604 46,156	53,431 44,955	28,541 26,760	30,714 27,961	13,428 13,344	16,226 14,163	15,172 16,886	44,826 44,393	293,103 340,223

^{*}Unlisted employers' associations