

The Association of Electoral Administrators



AEA position statement on Sir Eric Pickles' review and recommendations on electoral fraud

1. The Association of Electoral Administrators (AEA) was founded in 1987 and is the professional body representing the interests of electoral administrators in the United Kingdom. It is a non-governmental and non-partisan body and has some 1,933 members, the majority of whom are employed by local authorities to provide electoral registration and election services.
2. We read with interest Sir Eric Pickles' report *Securing the ballot*¹, published on 12 August 2016, and have noted the recommendations made therein.
3. We also read with interest the Electoral Commission's response², published on 17 October 2016, again noting the responses made.
4. At this stage, the AEA does not wish to make any comment on either the content of the report or recommendations made by Sir Eric or the responses made by the Electoral Commission.
5. The AEA's primary concern is to ensure that any potential changes to law or procedure that would impact on the administration of the electoral process are fully considered, particularly from the position of those who deliver electoral registration and elections directly to the public, namely electoral administrators.
6. We consider that the AEA can best input to the process when the recommendations made by Sir Eric are considered in greater detail and therefore look forward to working with the Government, the Electoral Commission and other key stakeholders in addressing the issues raised in the report.

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https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/545416/eric_pickles_report_electoral_fraud.pdf

² http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/216294/Analysis-of-recommendations-from-Pickles-fraud-review.pdf