

REPRESENTATIVE BODY

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Following the issue of the Hunt Report in October last year which recommended that the policy of general issue and carrying of arms by the R.U.C. should be phased out as soon as possible, and because of the resultant concern which many members of the Force felt in their belief that the recommendations contained in paragraphs 102 and 103 of the Hunt Report were not being fully implemented, the Representative Body which has a responsibility for the welfare and efficiency of the Force held a referendum of all members up to and including those of Chief Inspector rank.

The collated returns are available and were discussed at a meeting of the Body on this date. The returns show a majority in favour of the recommendations contained in the Hunt Report which is to the effect that, while officers have no wish to be individually armed, they are of the opinion that suitable weapons must be readily available.

The numerical return of votes was as follows:-

Would you be satisfied if paras. 102 and 103 of the Hunt Report were properly implemented?	Do you wish to be rearmed on a scale similar to the Pre-Hunt era?	% poll
1196	1085	66

The Representative Body endorses this decision.

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