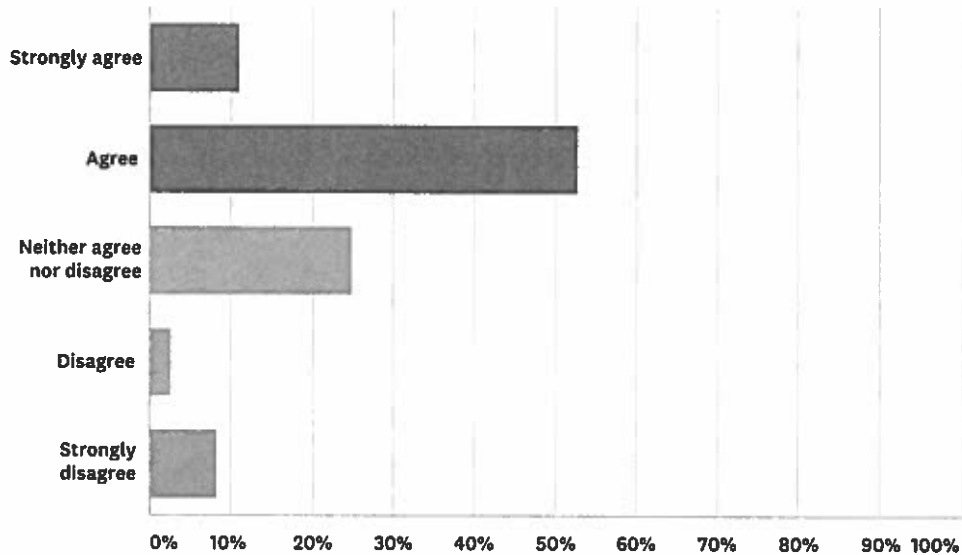


ANNEX 6 – Survey Responses

FACULTY OFFICE - Practising Certificate Fee Consultation

Q1 The Master intends to set the fee for the practising certificate for the year at £520 which represents an increase of £30 on the previous year. Whilst any increase is, of course, unwelcome, do you agree that the proposed increase is reasonable

Answered: 36 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	11.11%	4
Agree	52.78%	19
Neither agree nor disagree	25.00%	9
Disagree	2.78%	1
Strongly disagree	8.33%	3
TOTAL		36

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Q2 If you answered "disagree" or "strongly disagree" to the previous question, please outline your reasons (max 100 characters):

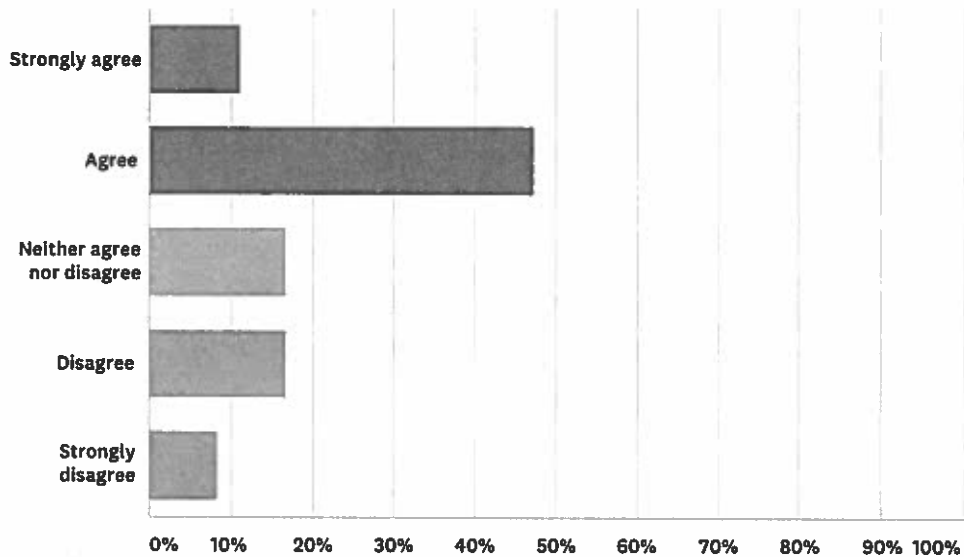
Answered: 4 Skipped: 33

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	the costs of practising are disproportionately high compared to the fees we generate	8/5/2017 1:51 PM
2	The Faculty Office's costs of regulation of Notaries are hideously high for the relatively small numbers that fall to it to regulate. It is perceived that it would be far cheaper, easier and better if the Faculty Office could persuade the S.R.A. to assume delegated regulatory responsibility from the Faculty Office for all solicitors holding the public office of a notary public so that solicitor notaries are regulated in much the same way as solicitor Commissioners for Oaths are regulated.	7/31/2017 11:47 AM
3	Unjustified and the fee is already too high. Possible consideration to tiered fee to be fair.	7/31/2017 11:29 AM
4	its a high fee as it is bearing in mind the % level of fees it relates to compared with my solicitors practicing certificate	7/31/2017 11:18 AM

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Q3 The Master intends to set the Contingency Fund contribution for the year at £30 which represents an increase of £10 on the previous year. Whilst we accept that any increase is unwelcome, do you agree that the proposed increase is reasonable?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	11.11%	4
Agree	47.22%	17
Neither agree nor disagree	16.67%	6
Disagree	16.67%	6
Strongly disagree	8.33%	3
TOTAL		36

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Q4 If you answered "disagree" or "strongly disagree" to the previous question, please outline your reasons (max 100 characters):

Answered: 8 Skipped: 29

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	the overall costs of practising as a notary are disproportionately high compared to the income we generate. If costs continue to rise, many of us will cease to practise.	8/5/2017 1:52 PM
2	Debt collection proceedings should be issued to collect costs ordered. Also the Fund is over £90K and the additional contribution should be delayed till next year.	8/4/2017 11:00 AM
3	The outstanding significant debtor should be pursued - not to do so sets an unfortunate precedent	8/2/2017 11:24 AM
4	It is necessary and reasonable for all notaries to contribute to a dispute resolution scheme. However, it is unreasonable that notaries should have to bear legal costs arising from serious complaints: surely this should be a matter for (a) notaries' PI insurance and (b) the Faculty Office's own legal costs insurance protection.	7/31/2017 2:57 PM
5	The £100k should be recovered from the notary in question	7/31/2017 1:28 PM
6	see above	7/31/2017 11:47 AM
7	Seems unnecessary	7/31/2017 11:29 AM
8	£10 for 900 notaries is £9,000. Wouldn't debt recovery be cheaper?	7/31/2017 10:28 AM

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Q5 If you would like to make any other comment please do so here
(maximum of 100 characters):

Answered: 14 Skipped: 23

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The cost of increased regulation and increased insurance costs are going to potentially make it more difficult to make a reasonable profit for the time involved and as result it may be more difficult to encourage more applications to become a notary. If the numbers do not increase the cost of regulation in particular will be spread ever more thinly	8/15/2017 8:16 AM
2	for those notaries in provincial practice it is hard enough to make practice economically viable. further increases in fees will surely only risk more notaries decided that it just isn't worth their time to continue in practice, further reducing our numbers to detriment of the public and reducing access to our services. how does that meet the regulators' objectives I wonder? for those of us in large London practices for whom notarial work is a nice side line a further £10 or £30 is perhaps neither here or there but not every notary is in the same fortunate position.	8/11/2017 5:08 PM
3	Every enquiry for notarising a document is about cost. Is it not time we have centrally set scale fees? We have them for statutory declarations and affidavits.	8/11/2017 11:52 AM
4	Very helpful to have had details about costs increases & the reasons why sent to us.	8/7/2017 3:22 PM
5	I would prefer these costs not to rise much more over the coming years so raise it now once and then hopefully leave it for as long as possible please. Does notaries PI ever pay out as most notaries are practising solicitors?	8/7/2017 10:02 AM
6	The proposed fee is more than about 5% of my gross fee income. My net income suggests it may not be worth continuing after our office expenses. Can the office overheads been re-examined, eg staff salaries are £73K approx for 3.5 staff	8/4/2017 11:09 AM
7	rise in CF contribution is reasonable BUT too low; make CF contribution lower for Notaries Society members; name & shame the defaulting sinner	8/4/2017 6:21 AM
8	You do a good job. Thank you.	7/31/2017 7:48 PM
9	My view is that The Faculty Office does a very good job and that the costs are entirely reasonable and that the proposed increases are as a result of external factors and not because of additional costs	7/31/2017 2:16 PM
10	see above	7/31/2017 11:47 AM
11	Given the numerous challenges facing the profession, particularly relating to additional regulators for Notaries, having a disproportionately high PC fee will not bode well for a unified profession moving forward.	7/31/2017 11:32 AM
12	Increases should be linked to gross fees, so part-time and lower earning notaries pay a smaller increase.	7/31/2017 11:26 AM
13	The proposals whilst unwelcome appear prudent and reasonable. The unpaid disciplinary fees are disappointing	7/31/2017 10:29 AM
14	What action is being taken against the notary who has not settled the cost order?	7/31/2017 10:28 AM