



Tongue-in-cheek £2.1 Billion Poll results!

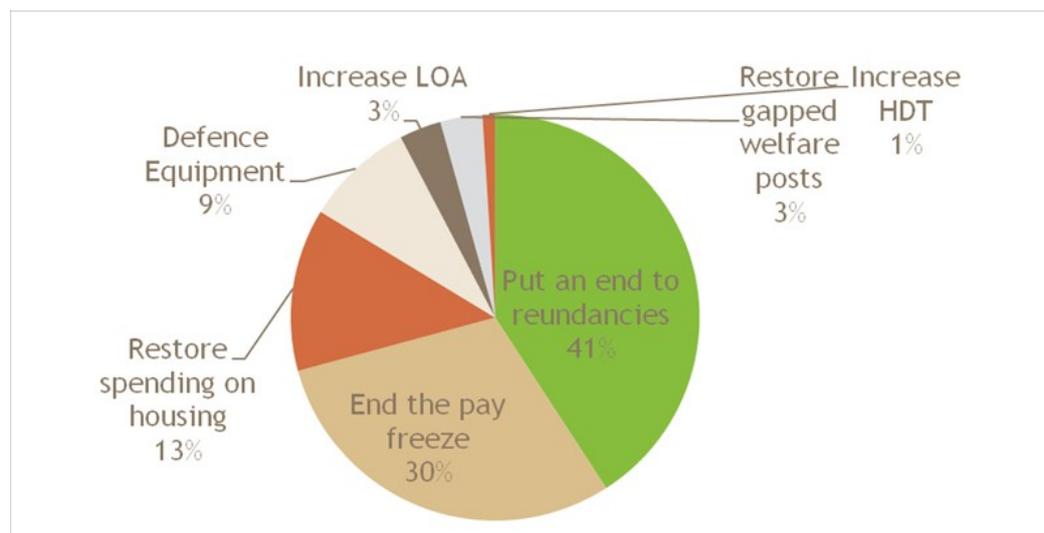
AFF asked an idealistic question based on an improbable report in The Daily Telegraph which suggested that the MOD had an additional £2.1 billion to spend. AFF is as sceptical as you that any additional funds exist and our tongue-in-cheek question was to gain an unscientific look at where families' priorities lie at a time of financial cuts. You'll be pleased to know that we won't be campaigning on the results but it has given us an idea of what, in an ideal world, your priorities would be. It is unapologetically populist, recognising that to entice everyone to take part we sometimes need to be creative.

AFF still bases its campaigning on real evidence from the concerns you bring us. Our annual AFF survey will take place in May to provide us with up-to-date information for our thirtieth anniversary Conference to ensure that we continue to represent your views.

£2.1 Billion Pound Question

The Daily Telegraph reports that the defence budget has been balanced and an extra £2.1 billion has been found. If true, where should the additional money be spent?

309 responses



AFF had 42 comments - here is a small selection.

"The uncertainty under which most of us are living at the moment is so undermining for morale in these tough times, that to secure jobs would be a

welcome boost. Also, if no further redundancies were made, we retain the numbers needed to ensure that those left are not totally stretched beyond reason"

"This is a disgrace that you are asking us the above questions. Do you think anyone will take you as a serious voice if you ask waffle questions? End the pay freeze? End redundancies? Not nice but required under the new model Army to be formed in 2020. I have lost my faith in the AFF as you seem to becoming an organisation that goes with the populist opinion and pandering to people's moans, who are not always correct or that understand the bigger situation"

"Firstly ensure that our boys are safe when they are on tour. Then virtually rebuild most of the houses as the families of Servicemen [and women] should not be left in houses which the council would not put people in if they were on benefits!"

"Jobs/work and housing are key to any economic climate and making of a better society, the Army is no different. Both provide security for the families and therefore if cut-backs were lessened the burden to the tax-payer and economy would be less over time"

"None of the above - the money should go towards paying off the Nation's debt"