



CBA survey on jury trials and extended working hours

June 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

2423 individuals responded to the survey

Sex

Male - 1549 (63.93%)

Female - 874 (36.07%)

Ethnic Group

White - British - 1877 (77.47%)

White - Irish – 82 (3.38%)

White - Other – 121 (4.99%)

Mixed - White and Black Caribbean – 21 (0.87%)

Mixed - White and Black African – 7 (0.29%)

Mixed - White and Asian – 29 (1.20%)

Mixed - White and Chinese – 5 (0.21%)

Mixed - Other - 27 (1.11%)

Asian / Asian British - Indian – 59 (2.43%)

Asian / Asian British - Pakistani – 27 (1.11%)

Asian / Asian British - Chinese – 3 (0.12%)

Asian / Asian British - Bangladeshi – 15 (0.62%)
Asian / Asian British - Other – 21 (0.87%)
Black / Black British / African / Caribbean – Caribbean – 24 (0.99%)
Black / Black British / African / Caribbean - African – 18 (0.74%)
Black / Black British / African / Caribbean – Other - 5 (0.21%)
Other ethnic group – 35 (1.44%)
Prefer not to say – 47 (1.94%)

Inn of Court

Gray's Inn – 552 (22.78%)
Lincoln's Inn – 497 (20.51%)
Inner Temple Inn – 652 (26.91%)
Middle Temple Inn – 722 (29.80%)

Circuit

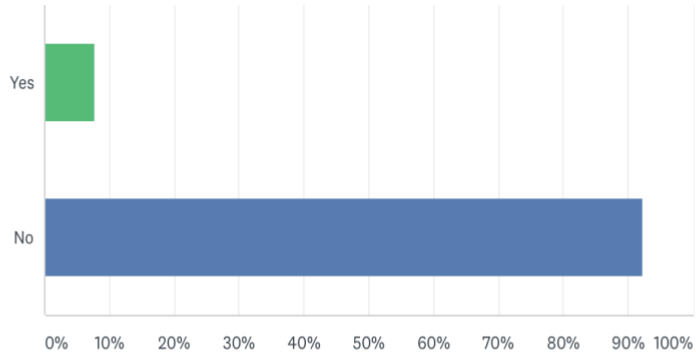
North Eastern – 227 (9.37%)
Western – 168 (6.93%)
Northern – 319 (13.17%)
South Eastern – 1428 (58.94%)
Midlands – 219 (9.04%)
Wales & Chester – 62 (2.56%)

Position in Chambers

1st six pupil – 3 (0.12%)
2nd six pupil – 63 (2.60%)
3rd six pupil – 7 (0.29%)
Squatter – 5 (0.21%)
Junior counsel – 2059 (84.98%)
Queen's counsel – 286 (11.80%)

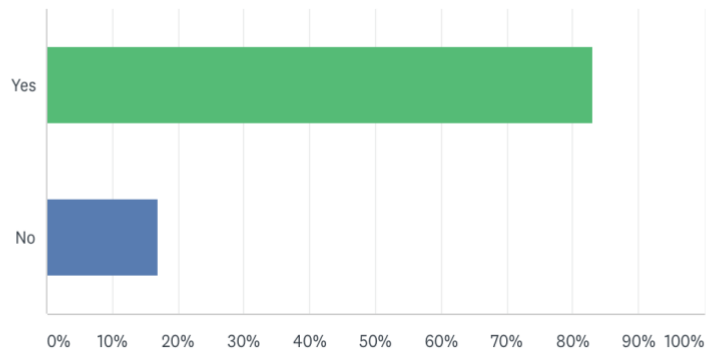
RESTRICTIONS ON JURY TRIALS

Would you support a proposal to place restrictions on a defendant's right to trial by jury in the Crown Court?



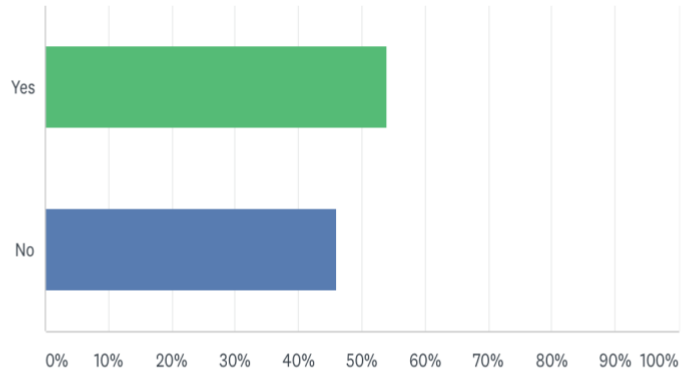
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	7.76%	188
▼ No	92.24%	2,235
TOTAL		2,423

Would you support a proposal to temporarily reduce jury numbers in all Crown Court trials?



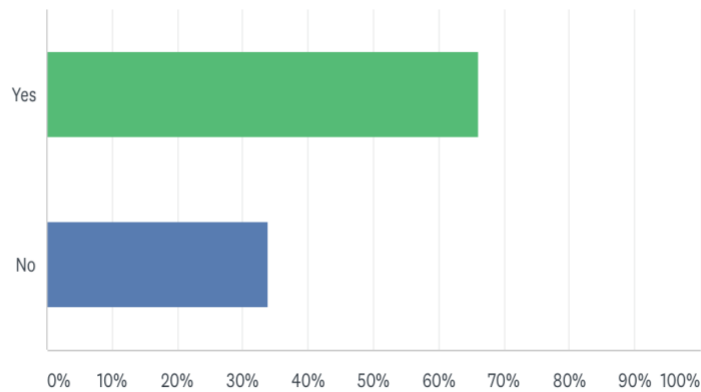
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	83.07%	157
▼ No	16.93%	32
TOTAL		189

Would you support a proposal to temporarily replace the jury with a judge alone in trials for either-way offences?



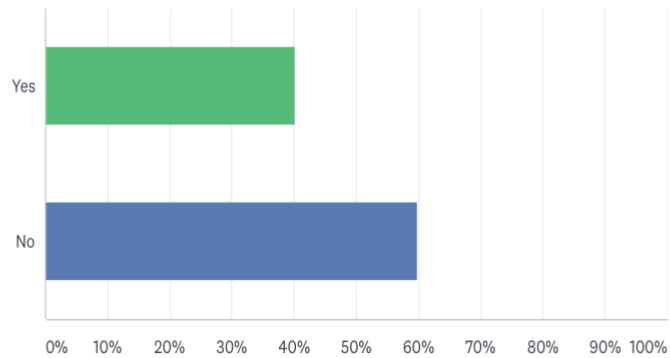
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	53.97%	102
▼ No	46.03%	87
TOTAL		189

Would you support a proposal to temporarily replace the jury with a judge and 2 magistrates in trials for either-way offences?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	66.14%	125
▼ No	33.86%	64
TOTAL		189

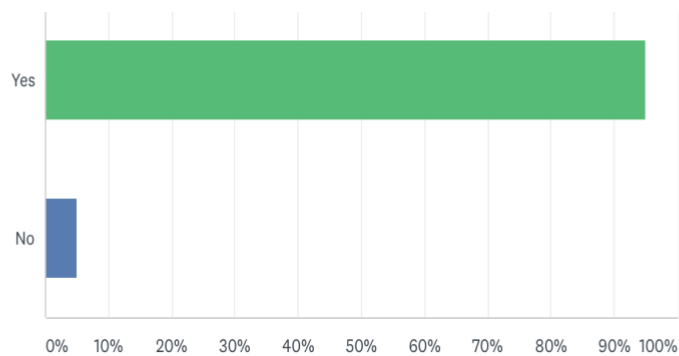
Would you support a proposal to temporarily try defendants for either-way offences with the jury appearing virtually together from a separate location while all other parties (judge, counsel, defendant, witnesses etc) are physically present in the court room?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	40.21%	76
▼ No	59.79%	113
TOTAL		189

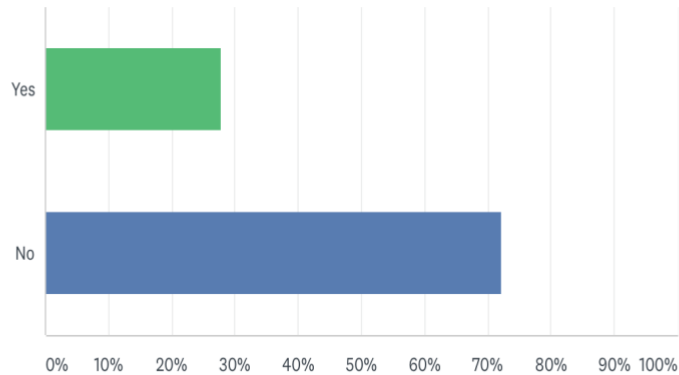
ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS AND EXTENDED HOURS

Are you in favour of the government funding the use of additional buildings outside the existing court estate?



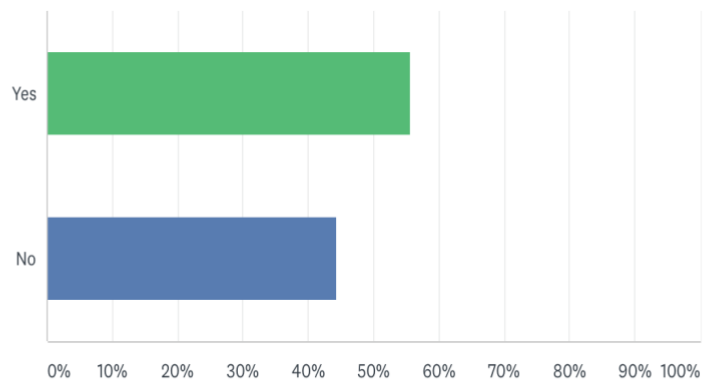
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	95.04%	2,241
▼ No	4.96%	117
TOTAL		2,358

Would you support a temporary proposal for court sitting outside the normal hours of 10am to 4:30pm during the week (Monday to Friday)?



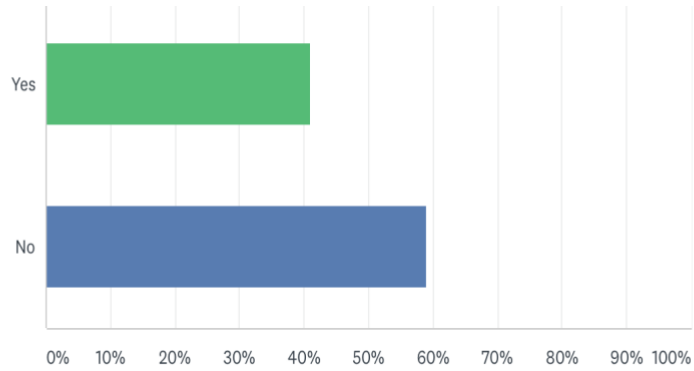
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	27.91%	658
▼ No	72.09%	1,700
TOTAL		2,358

Would you support a temporary proposal for staggered sitting with an earlier start in the court day e.g. 9am to 3pm?



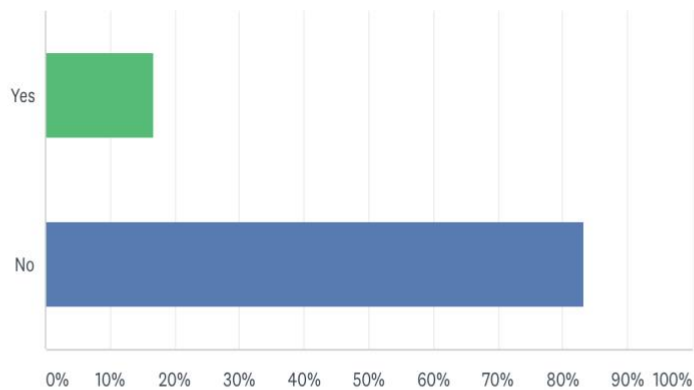
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	55.73%	1,314
▼ No	44.27%	1,044
TOTAL		2,358

Would you support a temporary proposal for staggered sitting with a later finish in the court day e.g. 12pm to 6pm?



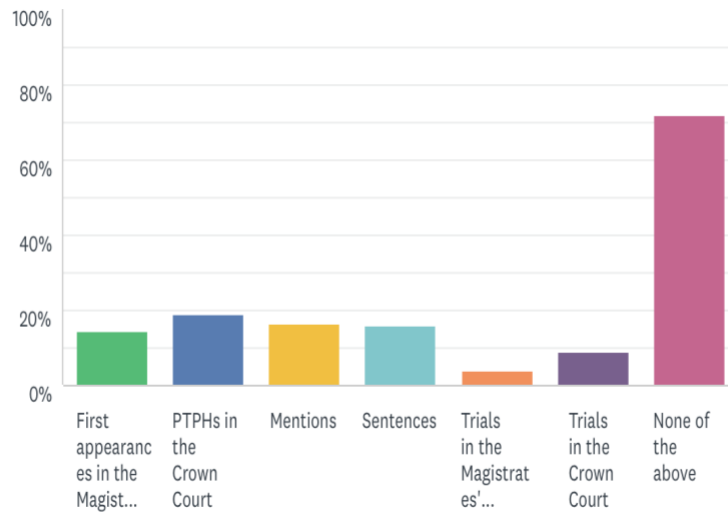
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	41.09%	969
▼ No	58.91%	1,389
TOTAL		2,358

With the exception of overnight custody cases currently listed on a Saturday in the Magistrates' Court, would you support a temporary proposal for additional court sitting on the weekend?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	16.71%	394
▼ No	83.29%	1,964
TOTAL		2,358

Which, if any, of the following hearings would you be prepared to undertake on the weekend?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ First appearances in the Magistrates' Court	14.67% 346
▼ PTPHs in the Crown Court	19.13% 451
▼ Mentions	16.45% 388
▼ Sentences	15.78% 372
▼ Trials in the Magistrates' Courts	4.16% 98
▼ Trials in the Crown Court	9.16% 216
▼ None of the above	72.01% 1,698
Total Respondents: 2,358	