Audit Contract Monitoring Report Data Pack

PSAA Board

Quarter 2 – to 30 September 2024



Quarter Headlines

521 audit opinions outstanding

(reduced from 559 at end of June 2024)

Outstanding by audit year:

2018/19 at 7 bodies (1%)

2019/20 at 23 bodies (5%)

2020/21 at 58 bodies (12%)

2021/22 at 147 bodies (31%)

2022/23 at 283 bodies (61%)

Auditors' use of additional powers in the quarter to 30 September 2024:

• Luton Borough Council: Public Interest Report (issued 6 September 2024)



Audit Opinions data 2018/19 to 2022/23

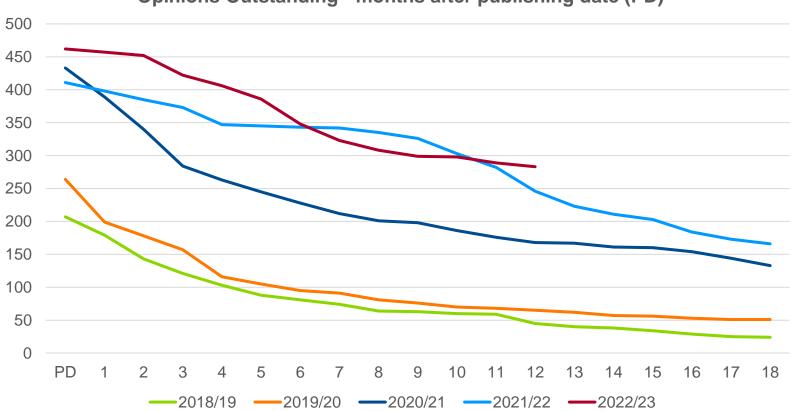
As at 30 Sept 2024

Audit Year publishing date	Number of opted in bodies	Percentage of audits complete by publishing date	Number of audits outstanding per financial year at 30 Sept 2024	Number of audits by oldest year outstanding
2022/23 30 Sept	467	1%	283 (61%)	136
2021/22 30 Nov	467	12%	147 (31%)	89
2020/21 30 Sep	474	9%	58 (12%)	35
2019/20 <i>30 Nov</i>	478	45%	23 (5%)	16
2018/19 ^{31 Jul}	487	57%	7 (1%)	6

The table excludes three opinions outstanding at one body from 2015/16 to 2017/18



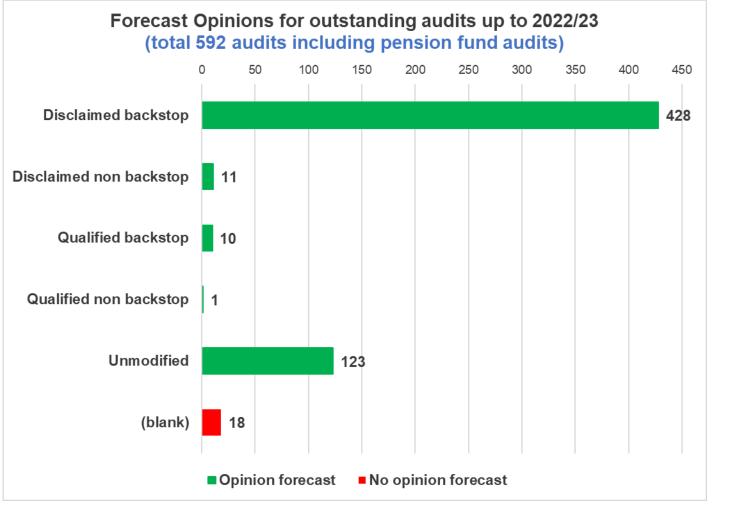
Audit completions profile



Opinions Outstanding - months after publishing date (PD)



Forecast Opinions (audits to 2022/23)

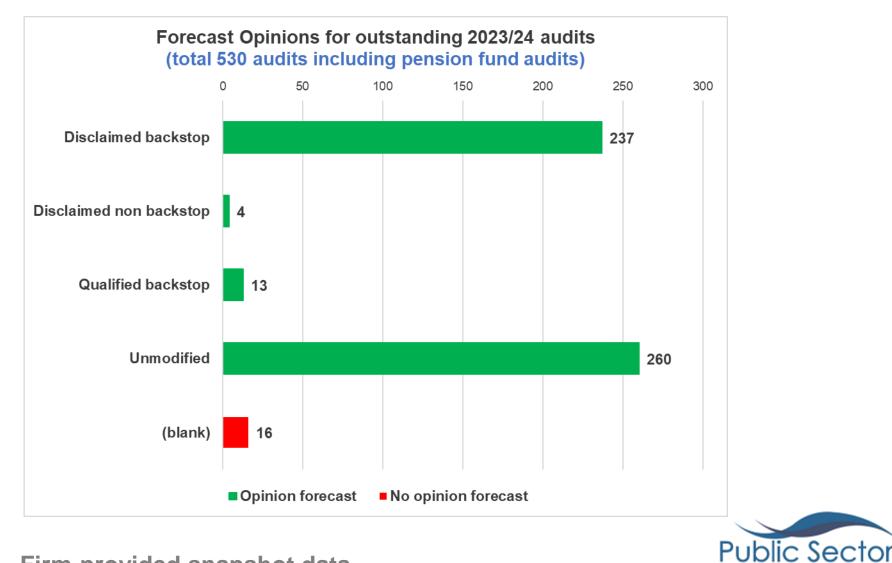




Firm-provided snapshot data

Forecast Opinions (2023/24 audits)

Audit Appointments



Firm-provided snapshot data

Summary of Objections under investigation (AP1 contracts)

Audit Year Firm	2018/19 & prior	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
BDO	3	2	1	1	2	9
Deloitte	-	1	2	1	-	4
EY	-	-	-	-	3	3
Grant Thornton	-	2	4	5	6	17
Forvis Mazars	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total	3	5	7	8	11	34

Between July and September 2024:

- 7 objections closed
- 0 objections added



Summary of Objections under investigation (AP2 contracts)

As at 30 Sept 2024

Audit Year Firm	2023/24			Total
Azets	-			-
Bishop Fleming	-			-
EY	2			2
Grant Thornton	13			13
Forvis Mazars	2			2
KPMG	3			3
Total	20			20

Between July and September 2024:

- 1 objection closed
- 8 objections added



Approved variations to Scale Fee

Audit Year	Audit scale fee £m	Total net value of fee variation requests approved (£m)	Total cost of audit £m	% of total variations against total scale fee approved
2018/19	28.2	7.7*	35.9	27.4%
2019/20	28.4	15.8*	44.2	55.6%
2020/21	28.3	20.8*	49.1	73.5%
2021/22**	28.6	16.2*	44.8	56.6%
2022/23**	32.4	7.4*	39.8	22.8%

*Not all variation requests for previous years have been submitted or processed. The current average rate of variations approved for individual bodies is 62% (19/20), 91% (20/21), 86% (21/22) and 64% (22/23)

**We have baked in previous recurring fee variations into these years

