

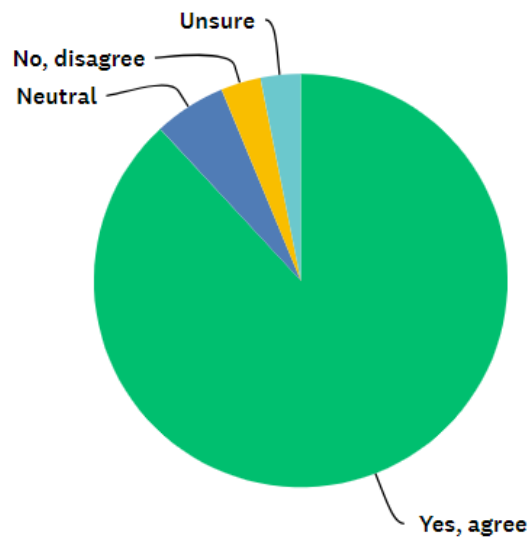
REFORMING THE UK TIER 1 (INVESTOR) VISA

Survey conducted by Farzin Yazdi.

SECTION ONE ECONOMIC BENEFIT

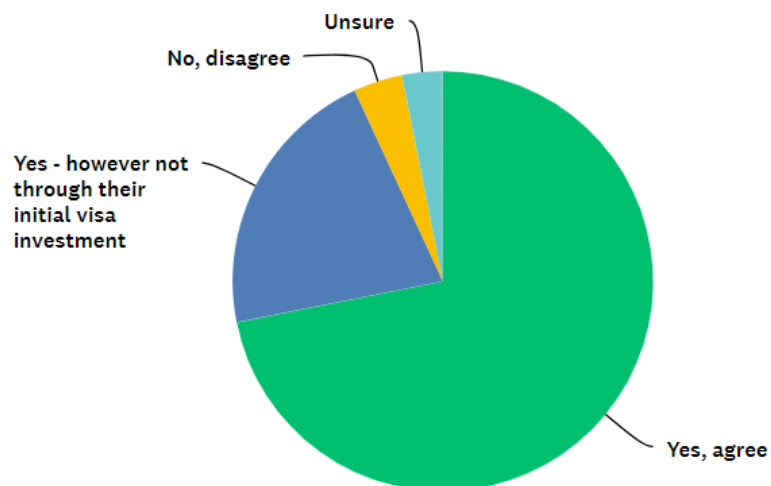
Q1.

Do you believe FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) benefits the UK directly?



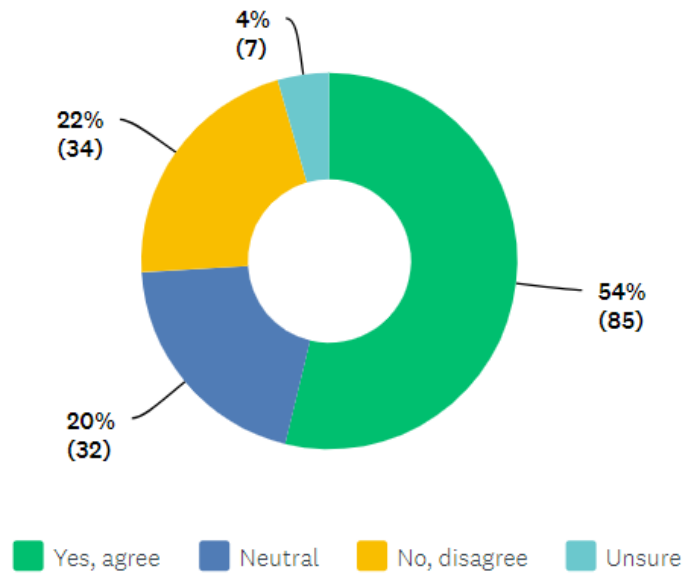
Q2.

Do you believe Tier 1 (Investor) Visa applicants bring economic benefit to the UK?



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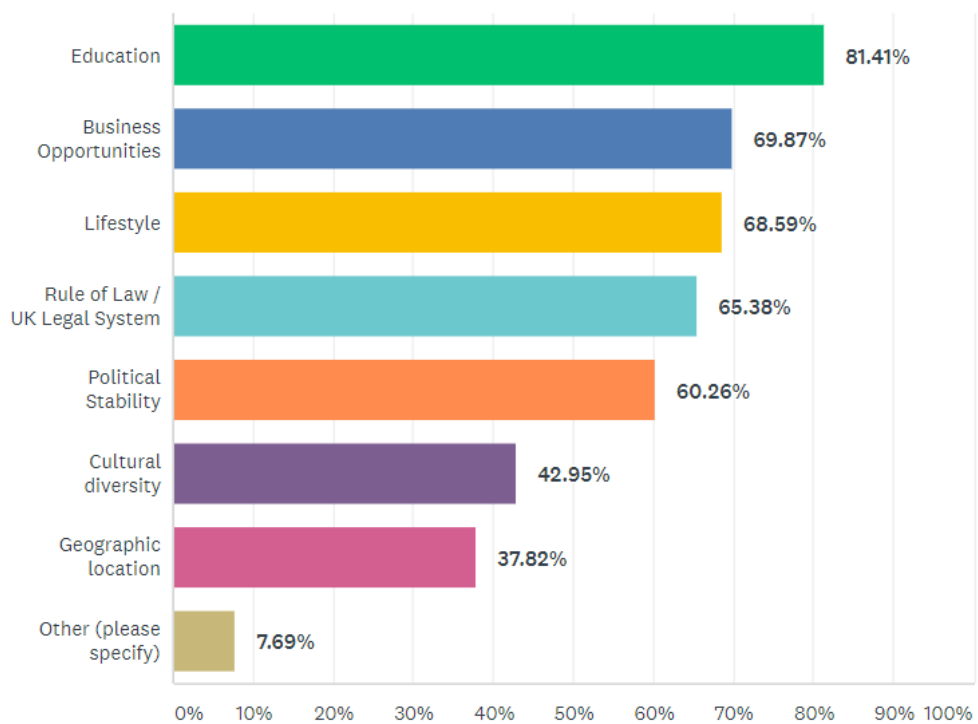
Does an investment in UK Government Bonds benefit the UK economy?



SECTION TWO ATTRACTION

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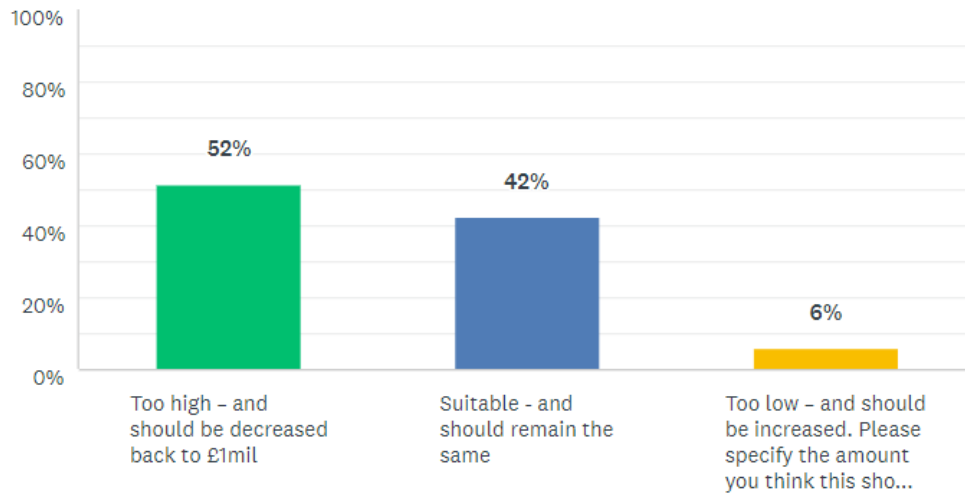
What do you believe attracts Tier 1 (Investor) Visa migrants to the UK?



SECTION THREE INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS

Q5.

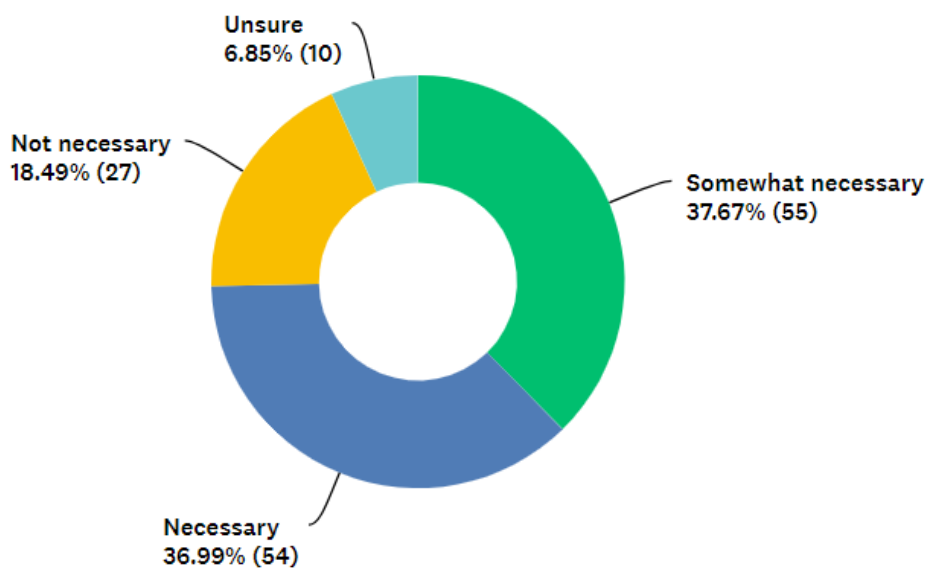
In November 2014, the minimum investment for Tier 1 (Investor) Visa changed from £1mil to £2mil. Do you believe this amount is –



SECTION FOUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

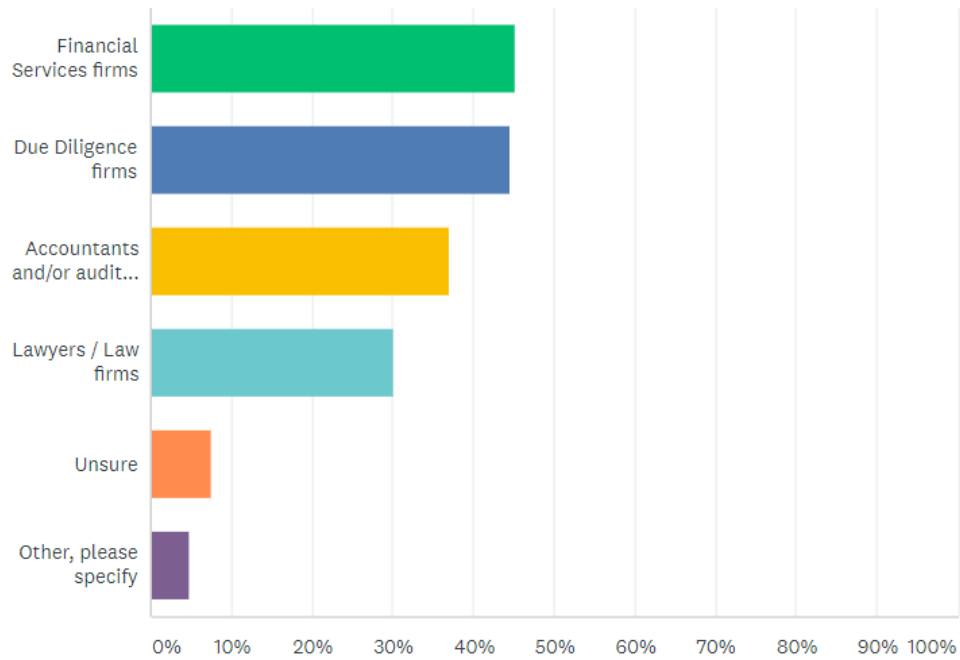
Q6.

Applicants may be required to undergo an 'independent regulated audit' of their financial and business interests. Do you believe this is –



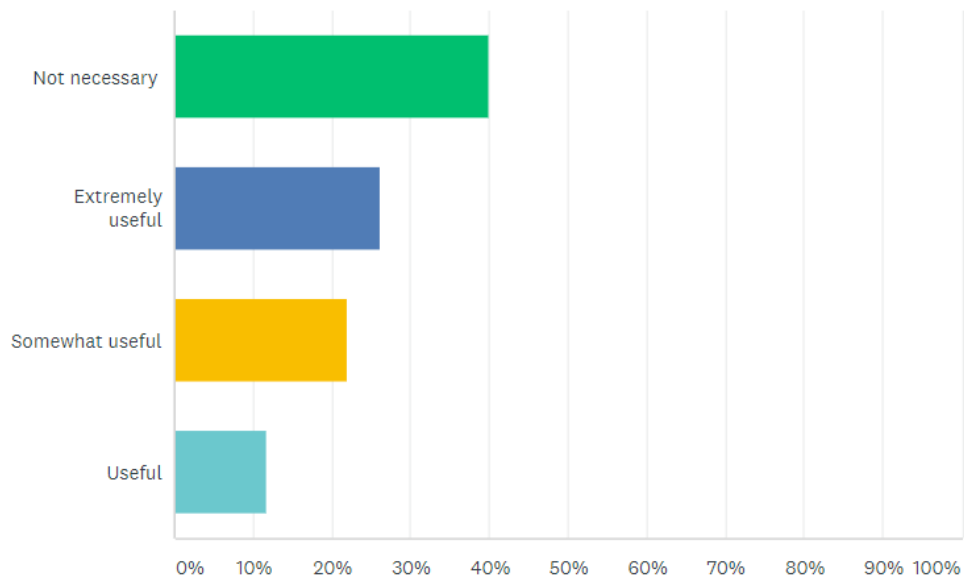
Q7.

In your opinion, who do you believe is best placed to conduct due diligence for prospective and current Tier 1 (Investor) Visa applicants?



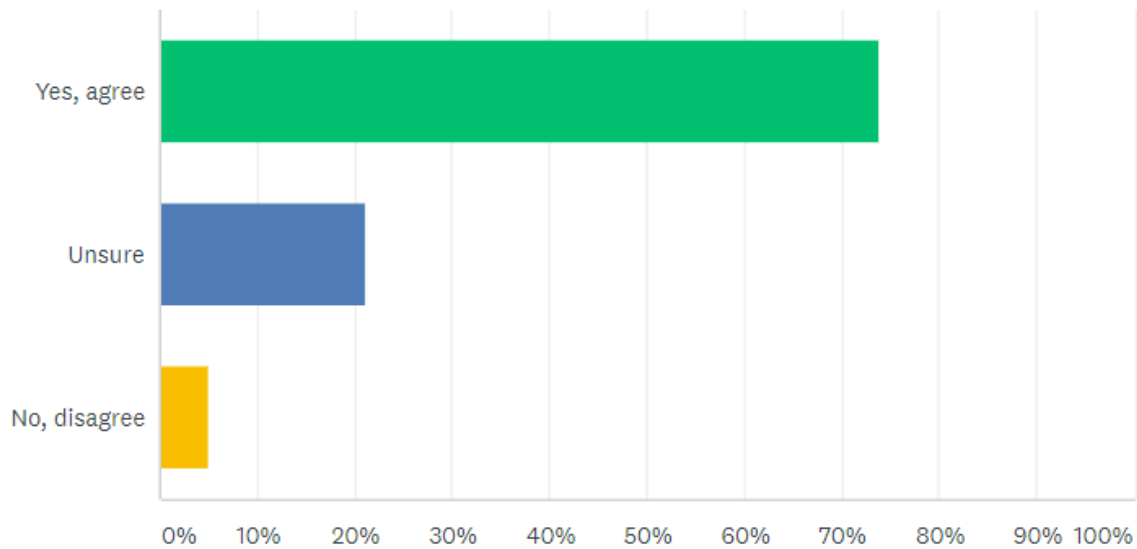
Q8.

The Home Office may require applicants to demonstrate that they have been 'in control of funds for at least two years.' Do you believe this is –



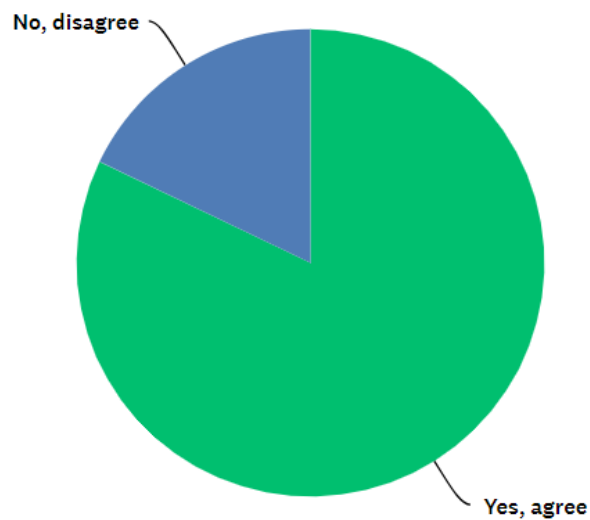
Q9.

Do you believe Immigration Rules should be aligned to the widely accepted anti-money laundering standard, the JMLSG (Joint Money Laundering Steering Group) Guidance?



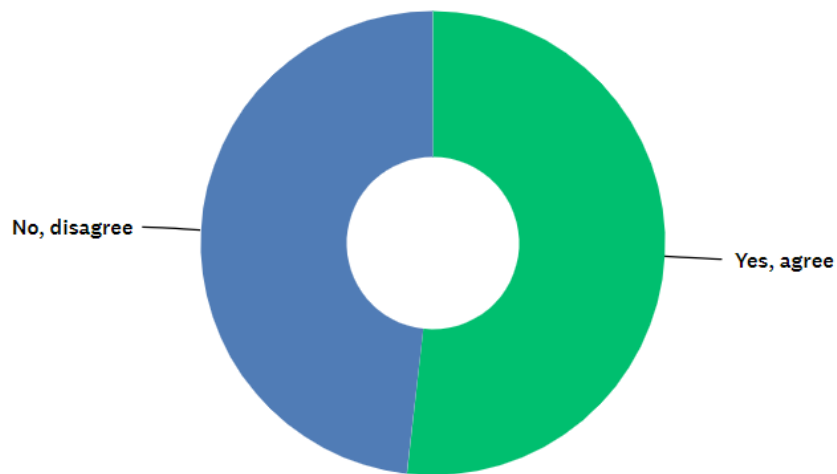
Q10.

In general, do you believe UK Immigration Rules should be harmonised with other UK legislation - such as tax and financial services legislation?



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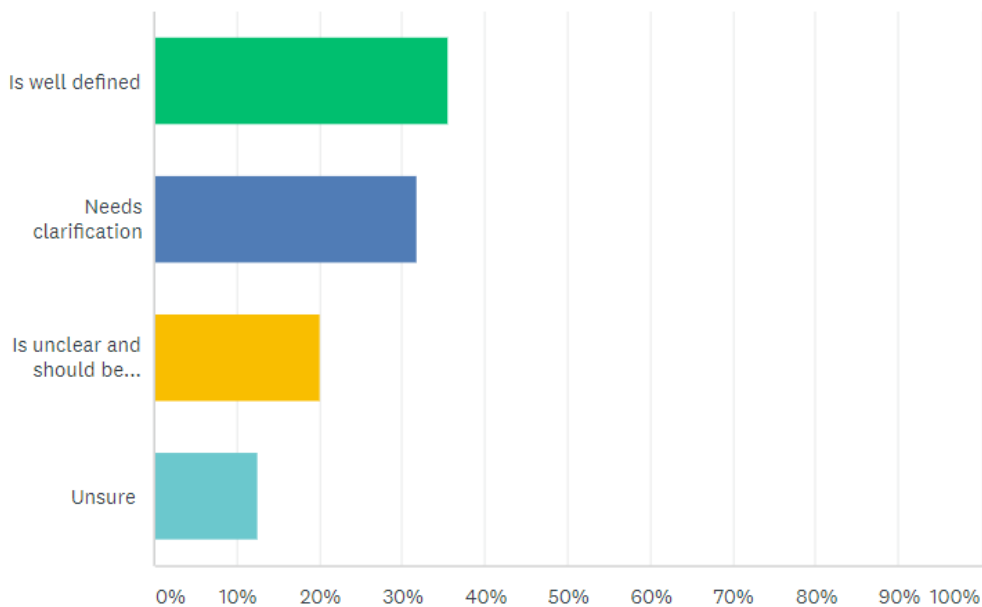
Do you believe the current Immigration Rules regarding Tier 1 (Investor) Visa are susceptible to potential abuse?



SECTION FIVE INVESTMENTS

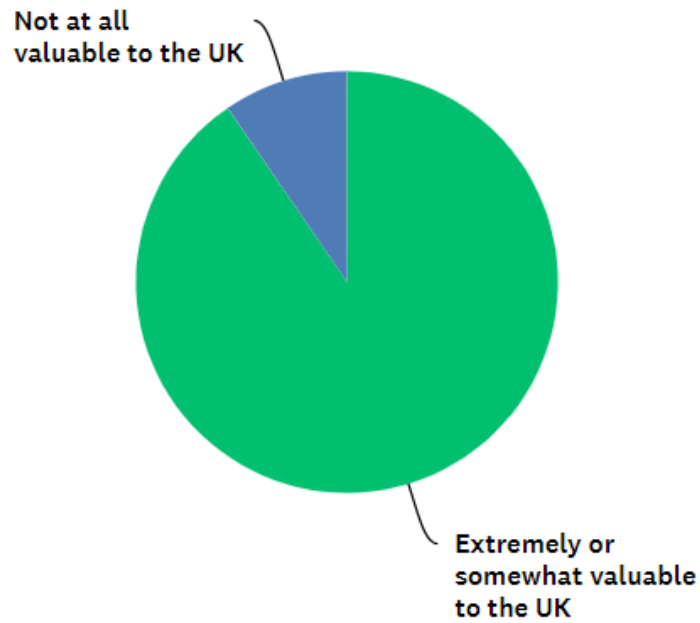
Q12.

Regarding the current definition of 'qualifying investments', do you believe this –



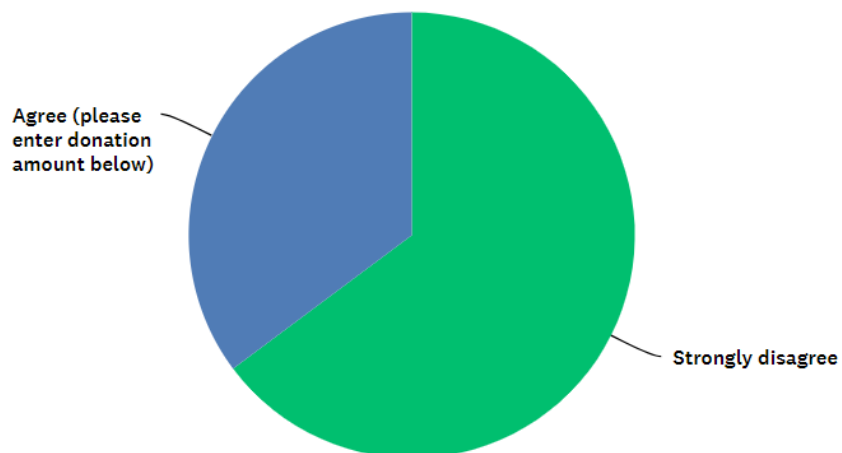
Q13.

The Minister for Immigration recently suggested a provision for 'pooled investments', which is supported by the government in order to back projects with 'a clear economic benefit to the UK'. In your view, do you believe this is –



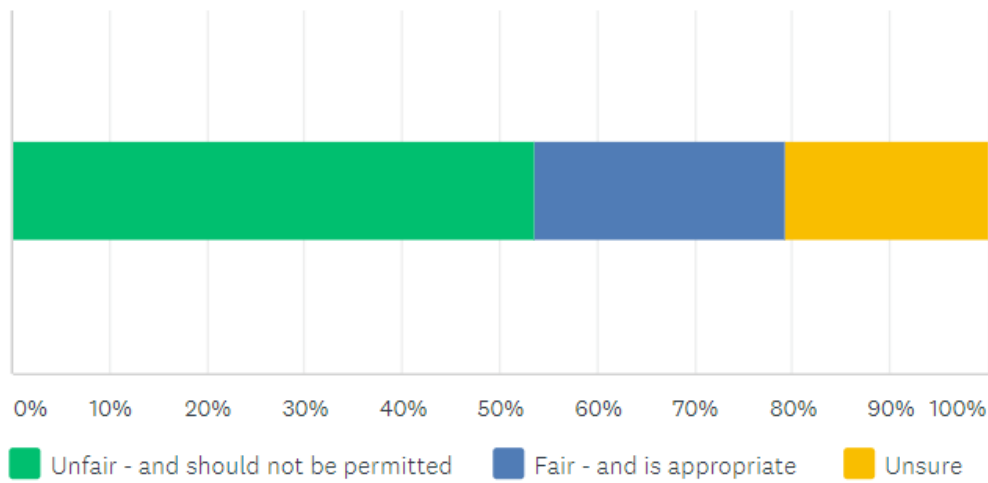
Q14.

Instead of making an investment, a charitable donation into either a Government 'good causes' fund or a registered UK charity should be permitted.



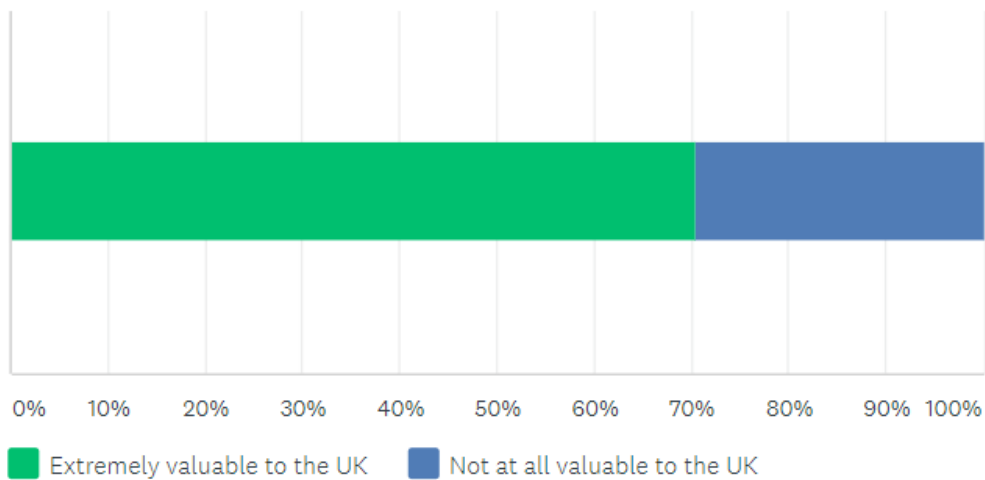
Q15.

Do you believe it is fair to restrict Investor Visa applicants to invest in higher risk investments, even if the investment may not be suitable to the individual?



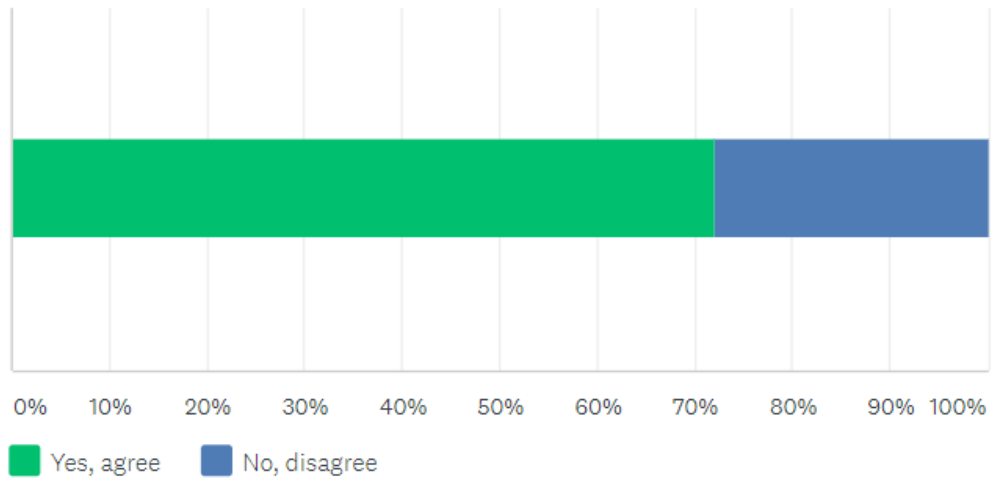
Q16.

Current rules do not permit investment into Property Development. Would a higher minimum investment, similar to the Irish Immigrant Investor Programme, into property funds or companies focusing on building or developing affordable homes, healthcare, and areas experiencing structural difficulties be -



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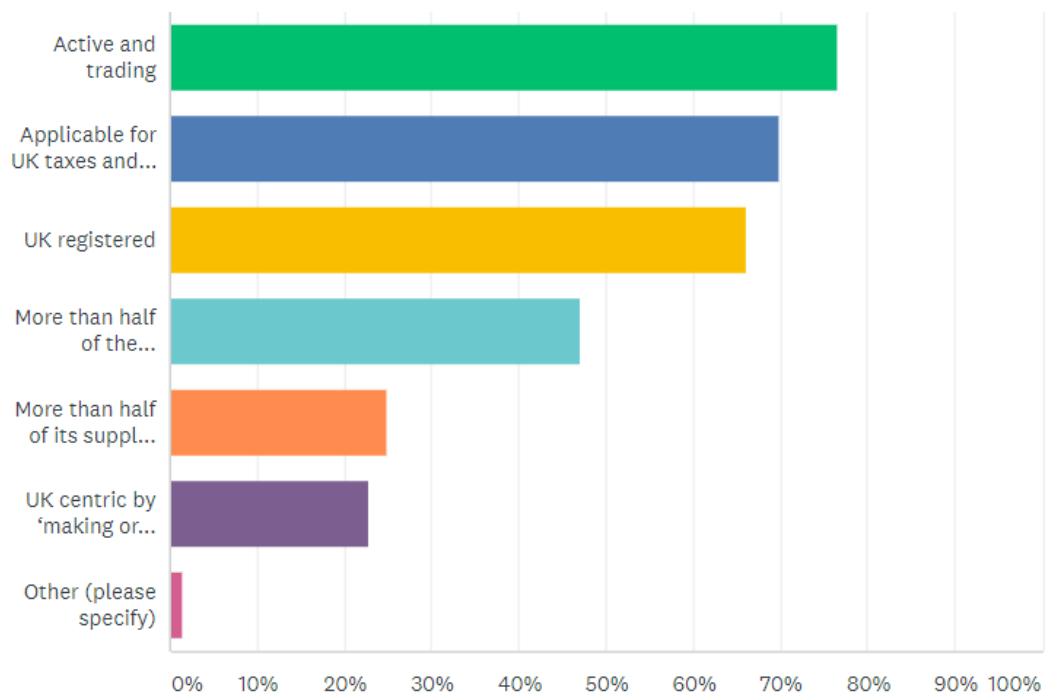
Do you believe UK Government Bonds should remain a qualifying investment for Tier 1 (Investor) Visa applicants?



SECTION SIX BUSINESS STRUCTURE

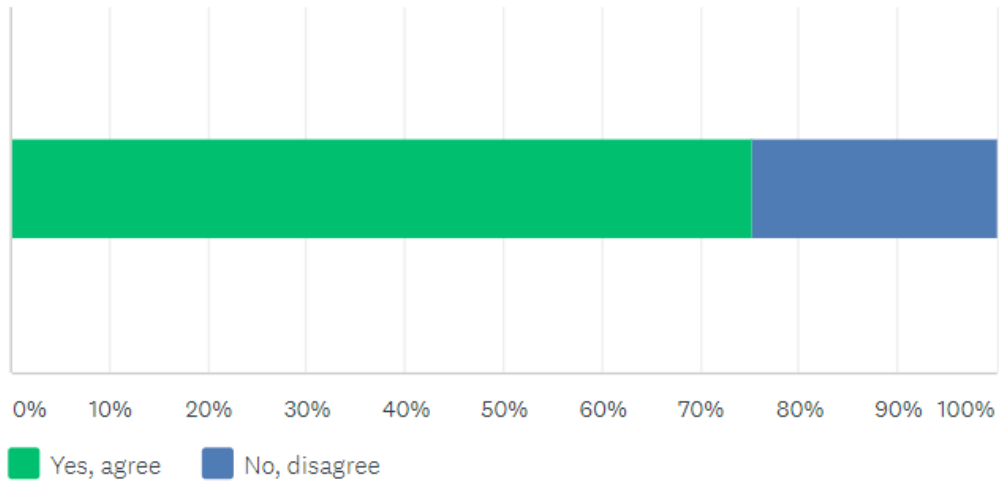
Q18.

In your view, do you believe for a UK based company to bring 'real' economic benefit to the UK, it must be –



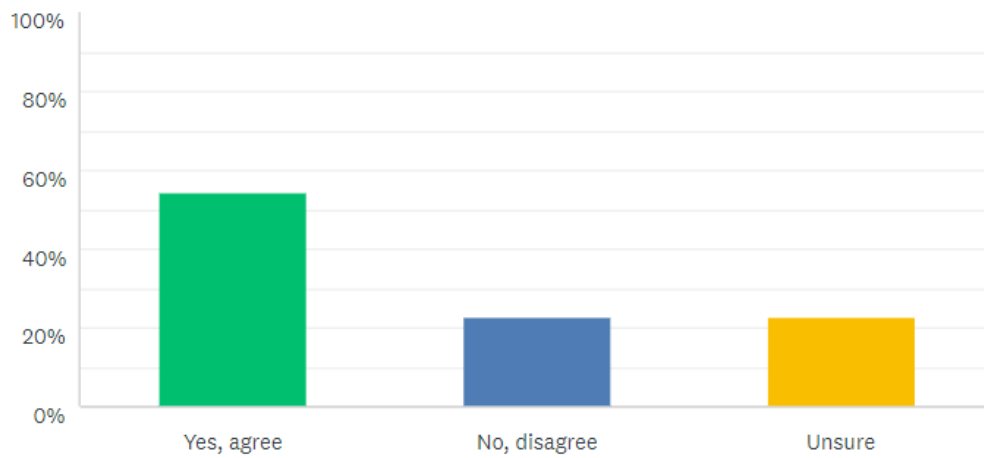
Q19.

Do you believe co-investment with the UK's state-owned economic development bank (British Business Bank) should be a qualifying investment, even if pooled?



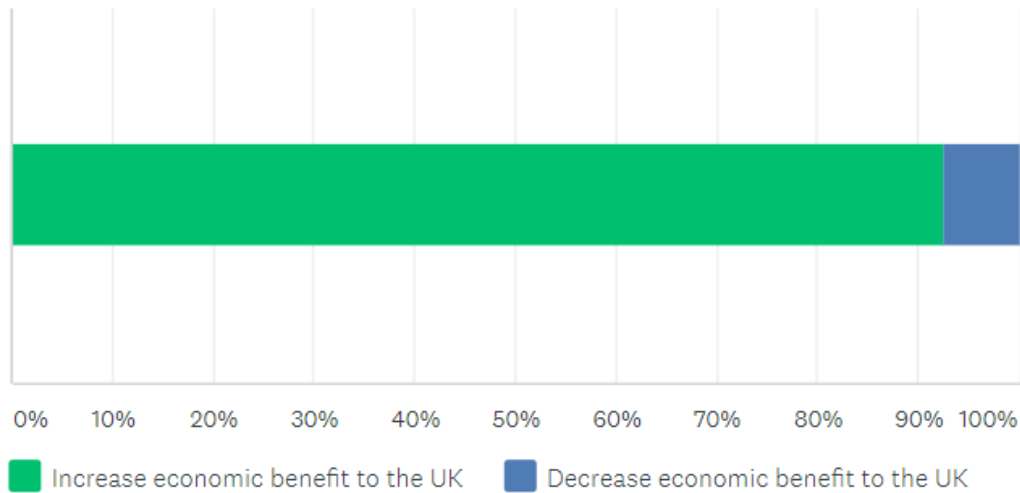
Q20.

Do you believe that an investment in a private company, not listed on the stock market, could be structured to abuse current Immigration Rules?



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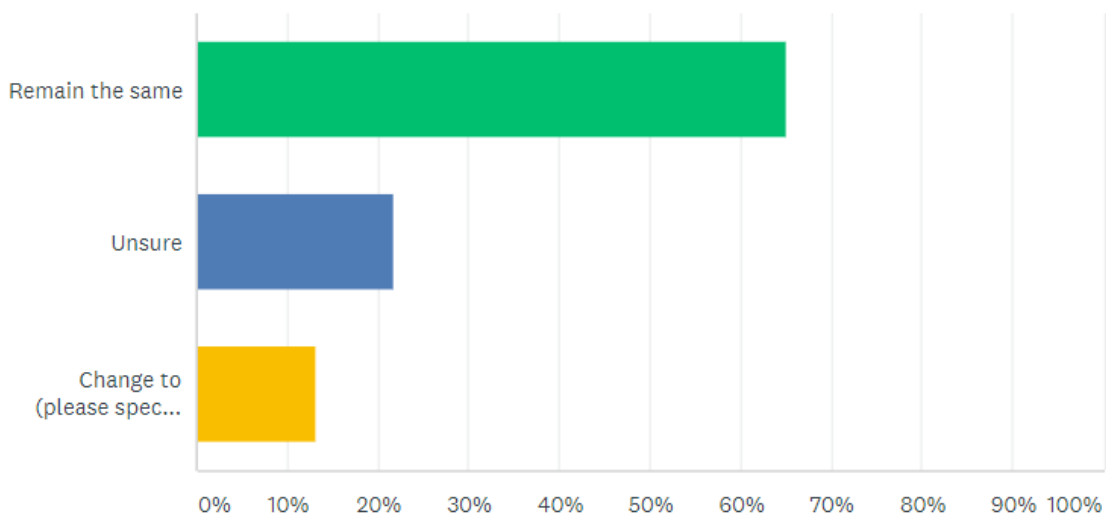
Acting as an ordinary investor: If you were to use your investment as collateral to reinvest into more Tier 1 (Investor) Visa qualifying investments, do you believe using this multiplier effect would –



SECTION SEVEN APPLICATION

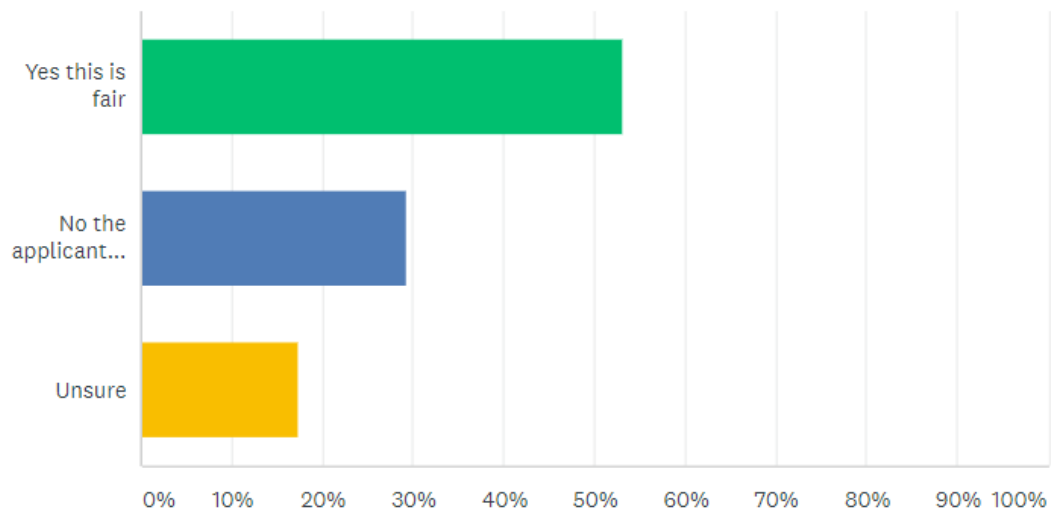
Q22.

Currently, for a 5 year (£2mil) Tier 1 (Investor) Visa applicant, the qualifying investment is not reviewed until the extension stage in year 3. Regarding the timing of the review period, do you believe this should earlier or later?



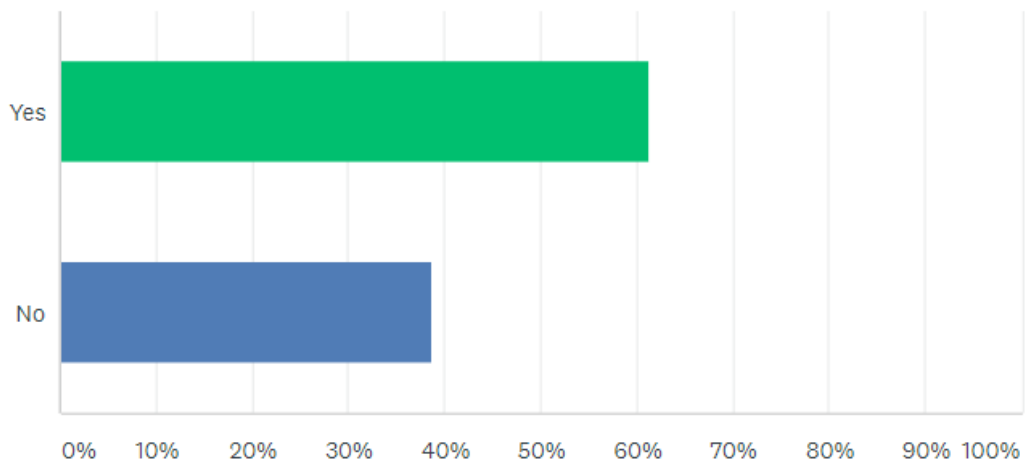
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If an investment error has been made, either by the applicant or agent, should it remain at the discretion of the Home Office to grant an extension of stay or Indefinite Leave to Remain?



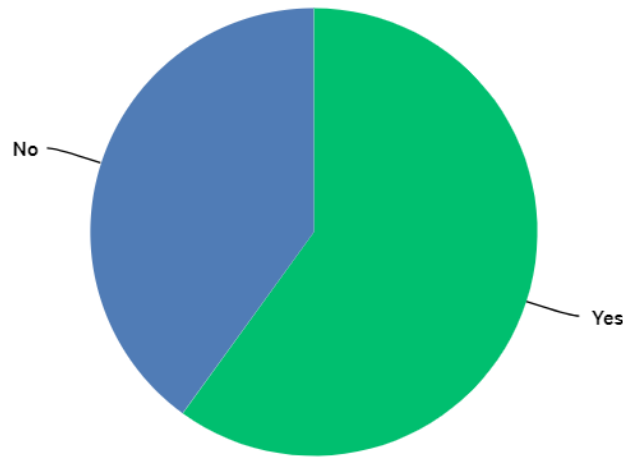
Q24.

Should the requirement that applicants must not have been outside the UK for more than 180 days in any 12 month period (the '180 day' rule) be changed for the main applicant?



Q25.

Should the requirement that applicants must not have been outside the UK for more than 180 days in any 12 month period (the '180 day' rule) be changed for the dependant?



Q28.

About you : I am a -

