

ALMR Press Notice

ALMR CALLS FOR MINIMUM WAGE RESTRAINT

On the tenth anniversary of the introduction of the National Minimum Wage the Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers (ALMR) has called for restraint in increases to the basic rate of pay.

The *ALMR's* benchmarking research shows that over the past ten years pub and bar payroll costs have risen from 17% to 27% of turnover.

ALMR Head of Communications Kate Nicholls said:

“The National Minimum Wage should provide a fair deal for workers and employers alike. The industry has struggled to absorb increased staffing costs for over a decade and any further pay hikes could prove to be the fatal blow for many pub and bar operators.

Pubs and bars employ 550,000 people, with many more employed indirectly. Those pubs and therefore those jobs are under threat.”

Notes for editors

- *ALMR* is the only national trade body solely dedicated to representing the interests of pub and bar operators, and to providing them with business support and advice. It has almost 100 member companies, operating over 15,000 outlets.

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