

Responses tracker for external consultations and inquiries

Live consultations & inquiries

Newly launched consultation or inquiry
Recommend BU responds
Would be good to respond, but not critical
Of interest only, not planning to respond – will track outcomes
Awaiting launch
New or updated information

	Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
	BEIS call for evidence seeking views on the independent advice to government on the design of future UK funding schemes for international collaboration, innovation and research – Future frameworks for international collaboration on research and innovation . Consultation document Online response portal	Consultation	24 May 2019 (Fri, midnight)	Lisa Andrews	RDS drafting.
	DfE Review of post-16 qualifications at level 3 and below in England All consultation documents and online survey link available here .	Consultation	10 June 2019 (Mon, 9am)	N/A	There will be a later second stage review. Not responding, we will follow the results of this consultation.
N E W	UUK and Guild HE consultation on the draft Knowledge Exchange Concordat. Online response link Consultation Qs available from here (bottom of the page).	Consultation	1 July 2019	Julie Northam	RDS drafting.

Current Select committee enquiries are [found here](#). BU's responses to consultations can be [found here](#)

Niche Consultations and Inquiries

Details of niche consultations are shared with relevant academics in advance of placing the consultations on this tracker. Only consultations and inquiries considered sufficiently relevant or that an academic intends to respond to are included.

	Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
	Digital Culture Media and Sport committee open inquiry into immersive and addictive technologies	Inquiry	Open - unspecified	Elvira Bolat	Due to policy team for pre-submission review on Monday 20 May.
	Consultation on Gambling Commission proposed changes to Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice including gambling blocking software .	Consultation	9 May 2019 (Thur)	Raian Ali	Raian invited to respond by Gambling Commission. Currently considering capacity to respond.
	Gambling Commission consultation – gambling on credit cards . Intro Online response Consultation document	Consultation	16 May 2019 (Thur)	Raian Ali & Theodoros Kostoulas	Second draft in preparation.
	Defence Committee inquiry into UK Defence and the Far East . Introduction .	Inquiry	17 May 2019 (Fri, 5pm)	Anna Hillingdon	Preparing first draft. The Committee has already published the first written evidence received.
	Information Commissioners Office consultation requesting feedback on the planned code of practice for age appropriate design of online services likely to be accessed by children. Code of practice Submission portal Consultation page with document links	Consultation	31 May 2019 (Fri)	John McAlaney, Raian Ali	John and Raian liaising with academic colleagues to consider whether will combine to produce a shared response
	British Association of Social Workers, acting as Secretariat of the APPG Social Work, inquiry into the role of the social worker and working conditions as part of the new Mental Health Act .	Call for evidence	11 June 2019 (Tues)	Jo Parker	Awaiting confirmation from Jo whether will respond.
	DCMS online harms white paper covering online safety measures to support innovation and digital economy plus company responsibility for online safety including children and vulnerable groups. Exec summary White paper Online response link	Consultation	1 July 2019 (Mon, midnight)	John McAlaney	Several colleagues plan to respond from their varying academic perspectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Luce (suicide) • Sevil Yesiloglu • Lee-Ann Fenge (online scams – vulnerable groups) TBC • Elvira Bolat & Constantina Panourgia (children social media ethics and responsible usage) • John McAlaney / Raian Ali (TBC)

New or updated information
Awaiting final outcome/report
Outcome finalised and closed

Closed consultations and inquiries

BU's responses to consultations can be [found here](#)

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1.	Migration Advisory Committee Call for Evidence (nb this is about staff and is separate from the international students one below)	Call for Evidence	27 October 2017 (Fri)	KP – via UCEA	Submitted to UUK (who co-ordinated responses in conjunction with UCEA). Interim response here: EEA-workers in the UK labour market: Interim Update (published March 2018) No Government response yet – still analysing feedback at 13.09.2018, 24.10.2018 and 7.11.2018, 30.01.2019 and 09.05.2019.
2.	DfE HE review : Review of post-18 education and funding. Terms of reference and online submission link	Review	2 May 2018 (Wed)	Jane Forster	Response submitted 2 May 2018 No news yet - the Government is currently analysing the responses received. (Checked 4 July 2018 and 30 Jan 2019.) The Augar Review outcomes are expected imminently, with the Government's Review to conclude after the Augar recommendations have been considered – later in 2019.
3.	Commons Education Committee inquiry into support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities . More information here .	Inquiry	14 June 2018 (Thurs)		Did not respond. The inquiry remains open and oral evidence continues. The written evidence accepted so far has been published here.
4.	Commons Education Select Committee inquiry into the Fourth Industrial Revolution . Equipping young people with the right skills and the role of lifelong learning in reskilling the current workforce.	Inquiry	21 June 2018 (Thurs)		Did not respond. Inquiry remains open and oral evidence ongoing at 30 January 2019. All written evidence has been published here . When the inquiry concludes it will be noted here . A committee report is currently in preparation.
5.	Office for Students consultation on using evidence to improve access and participation outcomes (evidence and impact exchange) .	Consultation	3 July 2018		Did not respond. This link is specific to this consultation on the <i>Evidence and Impact Exchange</i> . The OfS invited tenders to establish an Independent Evidence and Impact Exchange (EIX) 'What Works' Centre . The tendering deadline was 28 September with the successful tenderer expected to be announced in November 2018 (source). The EIX is expected to officially launch in Spring 2019.

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6.	BEIS Select Committee inquiry into automation and the future of work – business, workers and consumer angles. Business includes which sectors are most likely to be affected by a growth in automation, impact on productivity and what opportunities are there for businesses from a rise in automation	Inquiry	13 July 2018 (Fri)		Did not respond. The inquiry remains open (09.05.2019). Written evidence that has been accepted is published here .
7.	House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee – the use of the retail price index (RPI) - Response details . Information and previous oral evidence .	Inquiry - call for evidence	25 July 2018	N/A	Did not respond. Evidence published here. Report: Measuring Inflation published 17 Jan 2019. Awaiting Government Response – still awaiting response at 02.05.2019 .
8.	Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry into Balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending	Inquiry	28 September 2018 (Fri)	Julie Northam	Chose not to respond Inquiry remains open (at 02.05.2019). Written evidence available here .
9.	Office for Students consultation: a new approach to regulating access and participation in HE . Online submission portal .	Consultation	12 October 2018 (Fri)	Academic Services	BU response submitted 12 th October. Consultation outcomes (published 13 Dec 2018). Regulatory notices and advice here . Useful information on next steps (Spring 2019) here .
10.	House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee call for evidence into Brexit: EU Student exchanges and funding for university research Inquiry details Briefing Submission portal	Inquiry	21 November 2018 (Wed)	Sam Leahy-Harland	Did not respond. Following for outcomes. Inquiry has concluded and reported . We are waiting for the Government response to the report. All written and oral evidence has been published here .
11.	OfS Consultation on their approach to improving info, advice and guidance for potential students. Consultation information . Proposals . Online survey link .	Consultation	31 January 2019 (Thurs, at noon)	Ann Fernandez	BU response submitted 31.01.2019 OfS state: The consultation feedback will be used to inform the final strategy. We will publish a summary of key points when we publish our final strategy. We will report to the OfS student panel and Board in spring 2019 in order to have our approved strategy – and programme of work to deliver it – in place for the 2019-20 academic year. The work on the new information resource to replace Unistats is already being developed to a complementary timetable in order to deliver a new resource for autumn 2019.

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12.	<p>Equality and Human Rights Commission inquiry into Racial harassment in HE. Press release. Terms of reference for the general inquiry.</p> <p><i>Publicly funded universities will also be required to provide detailed information about the processes they have in place to support staff and students who have experienced or witnessed racial harassment</i></p> <p><i>We are focusing on higher education institutions that received funding from the Office for Students... in the academic year 2018 to 2019</i></p>	Inquiry	15 February 2019 (Fri, midnight)	Jane Forster	<p>Survey response submitted. Due to the sensitive nature and small numbers pertaining to the question responses the response to this survey will not be shared online. Contact the policy team if you require further information.</p> <p>(EHRC contacted universities individually to obtain required information.)</p> <p>Confirmation they are still analysing responses (9 May 2019).</p> <p>Post completion the inquiry report is expected to be published in autumn 2019.</p>
13.	QAA consultation on proposed changes to the degree classification system to ensure transparency, consistency and academic standards. LINK	Consultation	8 February 2019 (Fri, 17:00)	Jacky Mack Adam Child Russ Pottle	<p>BU's response compiled by Adam Child.</p> <p>QAA consultation workshop 18 Jan 2019 in London (Adam Child attended).</p> <p>Post consultation: outcomes and next steps are expected to be published in April 2019.</p>
14.	<p>TEF call for views to inform the independent TEF review.</p> <p>Consultation page. Call for views descriptive document. Online survey link.</p> <p>These links may also be of interest: Workstreams within wider Independent TEF review. Terms of reference for the wider TEF review (Nov 18).</p>	Call for views	1 March 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster	<p>Response submitted.</p> <p>Outcomes report expected summer 2019.</p>
15.	Funding for 2019/20 – consultation on terms and conditions and method – OfS consultation	Consultation	11 March 2019 (Mon)	N/A	We will not submit to this consultation
16.	Research England consultation survey on the Knowledge Exchange Framework proposals. Consultation document . Research England documents . 2017 Minister letter . Survey link .	Consultation	14 March 2019 (Thurs, at noon)	Jane Forster Julie Northam	Response submitted 13 March 2019
17.	Review of the HE Code of Governance	Call for evidence	20 March 2019 (Wed, at noon)	Deborah Wakely	Response submitted – copy available from Policy team.
18.	Research England's National Research Landscape Survey	Survey	For response during March 2019	RDS	<p>RKEO have encouraged academics to make individual responses to the survey. Policy Team are not aware of any responses that were made.</p> <p>We will not specifically follow the outcomes of this survey.</p>

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19.	International Association of Universities consultation reviewing digital transformation in HE. Consultation questions .	Consultation	1 April 2019 (Mon)	Jon Ward	Chose not to response. We are not following the outcomes of this consultation.
20.	QAA consultation on fees charged as designated HE quality body Information Consultation document Q&A	Consultation	24 April 2019 (Wed)	Adam Child	Response submitted Following for outcomes
21.	British Council APPG inquiry into the role of education and culture in the UK's future relations with Europe	Inquiry	29 April 2019 (Mon)	N/A	BU will not respond. We will track the outcomes of this inquiry.
22.	NCUB State of the Relationship Report – change makers building the future through interactions.	Call for submissions	12 April 2019 (Fri)	Rebecca Edwards and RDS	No response sent. Not specifically following the outcomes of this call for submissions.
23.	HESA consultation – service offering and subscription model	Consultation	3 May 2019 (Fri) – deadline extended.	Russ Pottle	Response submitted 1 May. Original deadline was Mon 29 April 2019 extended for sector until 3 May 2019.
24.	KTP national forum questionnaire on KTP Resourcing	Questionnaire	6 May 2019 (Mon)	Rachel Clarke	Response submitted 2 May 2019.

CLOSED - Niche ones we are watching

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1.	Dept of Health consultation - Promoting professionalism, Reforming regulation Consultation webpage link.	Consultation	23 January 2018	N/A	Elizabeth Rosser confirmed we would not respond. Responses are being reviewed and the DfH will publish an outcome report here when available. No outcomes at 9 May 2019, the site confirms they are still reviewing responses.
2.	The Creative Industries Federation is researching what growth in creative enterprises across the UK	Consultative survey	3 July 2018	N/A	Did not submit. Focus groups take place in July. Pre Oct 2019 budget: CIF website notes this budget representation is based on the consultation responses. Press release here . Outcome report: Growing the UK's Creative Industries – What creative enterprises need to thrive and grow.
3.	Business productivity review	Call for evidence	6 July 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Did not submit – following for outcomes only. The Government are still analysing feedback (at 9 May 2019).
4.	The House of Lords Committee on Intergenerational Fairness and Provision	Inquiry	10 September 2018		Not responding Full published evidence can be viewed via the Timeline . Report published . Awaiting Government response at 9 May 2019.
5.	Lords Select Committee – Rural Economy Committee	Inquiry	10 September 2018		Not responding Oral evidence transcripts available via the Timeline . Report published (27 April 2019) . Awaiting Government response at 9 May 2019.
6.	The Cairncross review call for evidence on sustainable high-quality journalism in the UK	Call for evidence	7 September 2018 (Fri)	Dan Jackson	All published evidence here , including a list of responders who marked evidence as not for publication. Report: The Cairncross Review: a sustainable future for journalism (published 12 Feb 2019)
7.	Lords Science and Technology Committee: Forensic Science	Inquiry	14 September 2018 (Fri)	Matthew Bennett Marcin Budka	Did not respond. Published evidence here . Report published 1 May 2019: Forensic science and the criminal justice system: a blueprint for change. Awaiting Government response
8.	NICE topic consultation on Suicide Prevention	Consultation	26 Nov 2018 (Mon, 5pm)	Ann Luce	Not responding but following for outcomes. Timeline here . Documents here . Next steps: Quality Standard consultation will run 24 Apr 2019 to 23 May 2019. Outcomes expected to be published 10 Sept 2019 (source).

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9.	HM Treasury call for evidence on the state of competition in the digital economy: Digital Competition Expert Panel (summary page here).	Consultation	7 Dec 2018 (Fri, midnight)	Sevil Yesiloglu	Response submitted All evidence here . Report here .
10.	Digital Culture Media and Sport Select Committee inquiry into the development of immersive technologies (e.g. virtual and augmented reality) and the potential impact these could have on sport, entertainment, and news amongst younger people	Inquiry	14 January 2019 (Mon)	Liz Falconer	Response submitted Liz's submission has been published within the written evidence here .
11.	UK Gambling Commission consultation on the new national strategy to reduce gambling harms and amendments to LCCP requirements on gambling businesses to contribute to research, prevention and treatment. Consultation information . National Strategy . Online survey link .	Consultation	15 February 2019 (Fri)	Raian Ali	Raian submitted a response, copy of response not supplied to Policy team.
12.	Women and Equalities Committee inquiry into the Mental Health of Men and Boys	Inquiry	18 March 2019 (Mon)	Ann Luce	Response submitted 15 March 2019. Response cannot be shared externally until the Committee accept and publish Ann's evidence. (No evidence published yet at 03.04.2019.)
13.	Defence Committee inquiry into the UK Response to Hybrid Threats	Inquiry	Remains open past initial deadline	Anna Hillingdon Sascha Bachmann	Sascha Bachmann (evidence) and Anna Hillingdon (evidence) both submitted written evidence (separately). Both submissions have been published . Anna gave oral evidence as part of a panel on 30 April 2019.