

# Responses tracker for external consultations and inquiries

Committee and APPG business has paused while Parliament is prorogued, there will not be any new inquiries, however sector organisations may issue consultations and calls for evidence.

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

## Live consultations & inquiries

	Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
	DfE <a href="#">EU Exit survey for HE</a> providers on steps taken for Brexit preparation	Survey	27 Sept 2019	Shona Nairn Smith	Note – short deadline
	DfE consultation on <a href="#">Higher Technical Education</a> . <a href="#">Word version of consultation questions</a> . Related documents <a href="#">here</a> . Information page <a href="#">here</a> .	Consultation	29 Sept 2019 (Sun)	Adam Child	Q's 13 and 14 are of particular interest. BU does not intend to respond.

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
	There are no current niche consultations or inquiries				

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](#)

	Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
1.	<a href="#">KEF concordat consultation</a> by UUK and Research England	Consultation	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	Jane Forster	<a href="#">Our response</a> submitted 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019 <a href="#">KEF consultation outcomes and evidence here</a> . Final KEF decision to follow late 2019. Concordat outcomes expected after KEF decisions. Not anticipating much change to final version of KEF. See also main KEF consultation (closed 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019)
2.	DfE <a href="#">HE review</a> : Review of post-18 education and funding. <a href="#">Terms of reference</a> and <a href="#">online submission link</a>	Review	2 May 2018 (Wed)	Jane Forster	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 2 May 2018 <a href="#">Augar Review</a> published late May 2019. Awaiting CSR (by Dec 2019) for Government decisions.
3.	Commons Education Committee inquiry into <a href="#">support for young people with special educational needs and disabilities</a> . More information <a href="#">here</a> .	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 <a href="#">here</a> . Committee outcome report is still 'in preparation' (18.09.2019).
4.	Commons Education Select Committee inquiry into the <a href="#">Fourth Industrial Revolution</a> . 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 <a href="#">here</a> . When the inquiry concludes it will be noted <a href="#">here</a> . A committee <a href="#">report is currently in preparation</a> . (Report still in preparation at 18.09.2019.)
5.	BEIS Select Committee inquiry into <a href="#">automation and the future of work</a> – 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 (20.06.2019) and is still accepting written evidence. Written evidence that has been accepted is published <a href="#">here</a> . <a href="#">Report (no 23) published 18 September 2019</a> .
6.	House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee – the <a href="#">use of the retail price index (RPI)</a> - <a href="#">Response details</a> . <a href="#">Information and previous oral evidence</a> .	Inquiry - call for evidence	25 July 2018	N/A	Did not respond. Inquiry has concluded. Evidence <a href="#">published</a> here. Report: <a href="#">Measuring Inflation</a> published 17 Jan 2019. <a href="#">Inquiry has concluded, however, still waiting for Government response to the report at 18.09.2019</a> .

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7.	Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry into <a href="#">Balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending</a>	Inquiry	28 September 2018 (Fri)	Julie Northam	Chose not to respond. Written evidence available <a href="#">here</a> . <b>May 2018 – UKRI strategic prospectus published.</b> Committee published inquiry outcome <a href="#">report</a> on 12 September 2019. Now waiting for Government response.
8.	Equality and Human Rights Commission inquiry into <a href="#">Racial harassment in HE</a> . <a href="#">Press release</a> . <a href="#">Terms of reference</a> for the general inquiry. <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> <i>We are focusing on higher education institutions that received funding from the Office for Students... in the academic year 2018 to 2019</i>	Inquiry	15 February 2019 (Fri, midnight)	Jane Forster	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. (EHRC contacted universities individually to obtain required information.) <b><a href="#">Confirmation</a> they are still analysing responses (18 Aug 2019).</b> Post completion the inquiry report is expected to be published in autumn 2019.
9.	TEF call for views to inform the independent TEF review. <a href="#">Consultation</a> page. Call for views <a href="#">descriptive document</a> . <a href="#">Online survey</a> link. These links may also be of interest: <a href="#">Workstreams</a> within wider Independent TEF review. <a href="#">Terms of reference</a> for the wider TEF review (Nov 18).	Call for views	1 March 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted.  Outcomes report was expected summer 2019; it is now anticipated during the Autumn 2019 at earliest.
10.	Research England <a href="#">consultation survey</a> on the Knowledge Exchange Framework proposals. <a href="#">Consultation document</a> . <a href="#">Research England documents</a> . <a href="#">2017 Minister letter</a> . <a href="#">Survey link</a> .	Consultation	14 March 2019 (Thurs, at noon)	Jane Forster Julie Northam	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 13 March 2019 <b>The <a href="#">outcomes of the consultation on the KEF</a> published on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. 2019- final decisions are expected “later in the year”</b> <b>See also KEF concordat (closed 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019)</b>
11.	QAA consultation on fees charged as designated HE quality body <a href="#">Information Consultation document</a> <a href="#">Q&amp;A</a>	Consultation	24 April 2019 (Wed)	Adam Child	<a href="#">Response submitted</a> Following for outcomes

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12.	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 – <a href="#">Future frameworks for international collaboration on research and innovation. Consultation document</a> <a href="#">Online response portal</a>	Consultation	24 May 2019 (Fri, midnight)	Lisa Andrews	Did not submit. Following for outcomes. Analysing feedback on 25 Sept 2019.
13.	HESA <a href="#">subscription agreement (stage 2 of consultation)</a>	Consultation	10 Jul 2019 (Wed)	Jeremy Swain	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 10 July 2019. No outcomes posted at 25.09.2019.
14.	OfS consultation on <a href="#">Financial and student number data collection</a> providing two options for future data collection. <a href="#">OfS info page</a> .	Consultation	18 Jul 2019 (Thur, noon)	Russ Pottle	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 16 July 2019.
15.	ESRC national consultation on <a href="#">leadership development within social sciences</a> . Submit by email to: <a href="mailto:m.flinders@sheffield.ac.uk">m.flinders@sheffield.ac.uk</a>	Consultation	16 Aug 2019 (Fri)		Chose not to respond. Not following this for outcomes.
16.	Education Committee inquiry into <a href="#">adult skills and lifelong learning</a>	Inquiry	15 Aug 2019 (Thurs)	N/A	We will not submit to this inquiry. Following for outcomes. Inquiry remains open without any evidence published at 25.09.2019.
17.	UCU <a href="#">Future of Admissions survey</a>	Survey	No end date specified	-	Not responding. Will follow for outcomes <a href="#">here</a> .
18.	HRA transparency and openness in health and social care research ' <a href="#">Make it Public</a> ' consultation.	Consultation	6 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster Vanora Hundley	<a href="#">BU internal staff survey</a> issued to gather views (closed 16 Aug). <a href="#">BU Response</a> submitted 5 Sept 2019.
19.	Consultation on priorities within <a href="#">BCP's new (draft) Council Plan</a> .	Consultation	6 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster	<a href="#">BU Response</a> submitted 6 Sept 2019.
20.	UUK No deal Brexit checklist <a href="#">survey</a>	Consultation	September 2019	Shona Nairn Smith	<a href="#">BU Response submitted</a>
21.	European Commission survey <a href="#">Horizon Europe Co-design 2021-2024</a>	Survey	8 Sept 2019 (Sun)	Rebecca Edwards	<i>Note deadline is a Sunday. Aiming to submit on Friday 6 Sept.</i> <a href="#">BU Response</a> submitted 5 Sept 2019.

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22.	OfS <a href="#">survey</a> considering the level of knowledge students should have of the OfS and how to involve and engage them within the OfS remit. Survey <a href="#">link</a> .	Survey	13 Sept 2019 (Fri)	TBC	We will not respond to this consultation. The results will feed in to the development of the OfS's student engagement strategy, due to be published in February 2020.
23.	DfE feedback request on integrating regional level LEO data in future provider-level publications.	Consultation	None specified	Russ Pottle / Jacky Mack	Not responding. Not specifically following for outcomes.

## CLOSED - Niche ones we are watching

	NICHE Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
1.	Dept of Health consultation - <a href="#">Promoting professionalism, Reforming regulation Consultation webpage link</a> .	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 <a href="#">here</a> when available. No outcomes, the <a href="#">site</a> confirms they are still reviewing responses (18 Sept 2019).
2.	Business productivity <a href="#">review</a>	Call for evidence	6 July 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Did not submit – following for outcomes only. The Government are <a href="#">still analysing feedback</a> (at 18 September 2019).
3.	NICE topic consultation on <a href="#">Suicide Prevention</a>	Consultation	26 Nov 2018 (Mon, 5pm)	Ann Luce	Not responding but following for outcomes. Timeline <a href="#">here</a> . Documents <a href="#">here</a> . Next steps: Quality Standard consultation will run 24 Apr 2019 to 23 May 2019. <a href="#">Outcome – Quality Standard published - Sept 2019.</a>
4.	Digital Culture Media and Sport Select Committee <a href="#">inquiry</a> 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	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted Liz's submission has been published within the written evidence <a href="#">here</a> . Raian Ali has submitted a response too (copy not retained). <a href="#">Summary of oral session</a> (gaming, addiction, loot boxes) provided by Dods. <a href="#">The outcomes report published 12 September 2019.</a> <a href="#">Inquiry has concluded. Presumably awaiting Government response to the outcomes report.</a>

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5.	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. <a href="#">Consultation information</a> . <a href="#">National Strategy</a> . <a href="#">Online survey link</a> .	Consultation	15 February 2019 (Fri)	Raian Ali	Raian submitted a response, copy of response not supplied to Policy team.  There will not be a formal response or summary of the consultation responses. Instead they will be incorporated into the new strategy (see <a href="#">here</a> ).  Info on outcomes and response summary <a href="#">here</a> . <a href="#">National Strategy to reduce gambling harms published</a> .  The website also <a href="#">lists</a> a summary of consultation responses, however, the link is broken ( <a href="#">broken link</a> ).
6.	Women and Equalities Committee inquiry into the <a href="#">Mental Health of Men and Boys</a>	Inquiry	18 March 2019 (Mon)	Ann Luce	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 15 March 2019. Evidence published <a href="#">here</a> . Inquiry remains open but closed to written evidence. Ongoing at 18 Sept 2019.
7.	Defence Committee inquiry into the <a href="#">UK Response to Hybrid Threats</a>	Inquiry	Remains open past initial deadline	Anna Hillingdon, Sascha Bachmann	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 15 March 2019. Evidence published <a href="#">here</a> . Inquiry remains open - ongoing at 18 Sept 2019.
8.	Consultation on Gambling Commission proposed changes to <a href="#">Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice including gambling blocking software</a> .	Consultation	9 May 2019 (Thur)	Raian Ali	Raian invited to respond by Gambling Commission – response sent 9 May. Raian did not retain a discreet copy of the online response or share with policy team prior to submission. He has emailed an outline of the content. No outcomes posted at 18 Sept 2019.
9.	Gambling Commission consultation – <a href="#">gambling on credit cards</a> . <a href="#">Intro</a> <a href="#">Online response</a> <a href="#">Consultation document</a>	Consultation	16 May 2019 (Thur)	Raian Ali & Theodoros Kostoulas	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 15 May 2019. No summary of responses or outcome report expected. The Gambling Commission intend to undertake further detailed consultation in the future (see <a href="#">here</a> ) . <a href="#">Responses published July 2019</a> . <a href="#">Follow up consultation opened</a> .
10.	DCMS inquiry into <a href="#">Reality TV</a>	Inquiry	13 June 2019 (Thurs, 5pm)	Ann Luce	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted 12 June. Inquiry remains <a href="#">open</a> at 18 Sept 2019.

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11.	DCMS and Home Office <a href="#">Online Harms white paper</a>	Consultation	1 July 2019	Sevil Yesiloglu John McAlaney	Sevil's <a href="#">response</a> . John McAlaney and Raian Ali's <a href="#">response</a> . Government are <a href="#">currently analysing responses</a> (at 18 Sept 2019).
12.	DfE consultation into <a href="#">Character and Resilience</a> .	Consultation	5 July 2019 (Fri)	Constantina Panourgia	<a href="#">Response</a> submitted. No update at 13 August 2019.
13.	<b>SIA Related</b> Treasury inquiry into <a href="#">Decarbonisation of the UK Economy and Green Finance</a> . <a href="#">Terms of Reference</a> . <a href="#">Submission link</a>	Inquiry	26 Jul 2019 (Fri)	Christopher Hartwell	<a href="#">Response</a> sent 8 July 2019. Inquiry remains open but not accepting further written submissions at 13 Aug 2019. No written evidence has been published at 13 Aug 2019.
14.	<b>*SIA RELATED*</b> Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee (Wales) <a href="#">Decarbonisation of Transport</a>	Inquiry	16 Aug 2019 (Fri)	Janet Dickinson	Did not respond.
15.	DCMS and Cabinet Office consultation into <a href="#">Digital Identity</a> . <a href="#">Call for evidence</a> description document. <a href="#">Email</a> submission.	Consultation	15 Sept 2019 (Sun, midnight)	Vasilis Katos Jane Henriksen-Bulmer	Due to policy team for review by 9 Sept. Draft not received so we will not submit to this inquiry.
16.	Lords Science and Technology Committee <a href="#">inquiry</a> into <a href="#">Ageing: Science, Technology and Healthy Living</a> . <a href="#">Call for evidence</a> document.	Inquiry	20 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Sarah Carter	Samuel Nyman, Katharine Appleton, and Debbie Holley with Vanessa Heaslip have all submitted responses. Their responses will be available <a href="#">here</a> once the Committee has published them.