

Responses tracker for external consultations and 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

Live consultations & inquiries

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

Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
Commons Education select committee inquiry into the impact of COVID-19 on education and children's services .	Inquiry	30 Sept 2020	Following only	To follow for outcomes only – not planning a response
Office of Independent Adjudicator consultation on requests for special consideration . Consultation document ; response form ; online response link ; discussion paper .	Consultation	30 Sept 2020	Lianne Hutchings	Due to Jane Forster for review now
Treasury consultation – The scope of qualifying expenditures for R&D Tax Credits	Consultation	13 Oct 2020		
OfS Call for evidence into digital teaching and learning in English higher education during the coronavirus pandemic (as part of the Digital Teaching and Learning review). Information document (pdf).	Call for evidence	14 Oct 2020		
BEIS consultation re: Recognition of professional qualifications and regulation of professions – call for evidence .	Consultation	23 October 2020		
PAUSED				
AWAITING Student outcomes consultation - expected to follow a student characteristic approach				
PAUSED OfS expectations – regulation of harassment and sexual misconduct affecting students in HE. OfS announcement ; consultation document ; online response link .	Consultation	27 March 2020	Mandi Barron and Deborah Wakely	
PAUSED OfS consultation on their approach to monetary penalties: original link .	Consultation	17 April 2020	Jane Forster	To consider if we want to respond in due course
PAUSED OfS consultation on admissions	Consultation	21 May 2020	Jane Forster	This was originally paused due to C-19 outbreak. In Sept 2020 Nicola Dandridge announced it would remain paused to allow universities to deliver the 2021

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				cycle. This will be removed from the tracker in 7 days time.
<p>Coming soon... all expected after the current crisis abates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OfS The Future of TEF framework consultation – update - <i>The impact of the coronavirus crisis means that we do not currently have a date for the next TEF exercise. We intend to consult on the future TEF scheme after the government has published the Independent Review and its response to the Review's recommendations.</i> OfS full review of funding method from 2021-22 consultation 				

Niche consultations and inquiries – none of current interest

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.	KEF concordat consultation by UUK and Research England	Consultation	1 July 2019	Jane Forster	Our response submitted 1 st July 2019 KEF consultation outcomes and evidence here . Concordat published before final KEF report due to C-19 pandemic. Report delayed until late 2020.
2.	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 Augar Review published late May 2019. Still awaiting Government's response in June 2020.
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 . Committee outcome report . The Government did not respond to the report (inquiry closed due to general election Dec 2019).
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. All written evidence has been published here . No committee report or Government response as inquiry closed prematurely due to Dec 2019 general election.

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5.	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 (20.06.2019) and is still accepting written evidence. Written evidence that has been accepted is published here . Report (no 23) published 18 September 2019. Government response here .
6.	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. Inquiry has concluded. Evidence published here. Report: Measuring Inflation published 17 Jan 2019. Government response , response was debated 1 July 2019.
7.	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. Written evidence available here . May 2018 – UKRI strategic prospectus published . Committee published inquiry outcome report on 12 September 2019. No Government response due to general election (Dec 2019) .
8.	TEF call for views to inform the independent TEF review. Consultation page. Call for views descriptive document . Online survey link. These links may also be of interest: Workstreams within wider Independent TEF review. Terms of reference for the wider TEF review (Nov 18).	Call for views	1 March 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster	Response submitted. Outcomes report was expected summer 2019; it is now anticipated during the Autumn 2020 at earliest.
9.	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 The outcomes of the consultation on the KEF published on 22 nd August. 2019- final decisions are expected “later in the year” UKRI have published the “Decisions for the first iteration” – 16th Jan 2020 See also KEF concordat (closed 1 st July 2019)

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10.	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	Did not submit. Following for outcomes. Outcome: Smith Review published November 2019.
11.	ESRC national consultation on leadership development within social sciences . Submit by email to: m.flinders@sheffield.ac.uk	Consultation	16 Aug 2019 (Fri)		Chose not to respond. Final report here.
12.	Education Committee inquiry into adult skills and lifelong learning	Inquiry	15 Aug 2019 (Thurs)	N/A	We will not submit to this inquiry. No report or outcomes – inquiry ceased due to Dec 2019 general election.
13.	UCU Future of Admissions survey	Survey	No end date specified	-	Not responding. Will follow for outcomes here .
14.	HRA transparency and openness in health and social care research ' Make it Public ' consultation.	Consultation	6 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster Vanora Hundley	BU internal staff survey issued to gather views (closed 16 Aug). BU Response submitted 5 Sept 2019. Outcome – they are still finalising the strategy at 11 June 2020
15.	Consultation on priorities within BCP's new (draft) Council Plan .	Consultation	6 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Jane Forster	BU Response submitted 6 Sept 2019.
16.	UUK No deal Brexit checklist survey	Consultation	September 2019	Shona Nairn Smith	BU Response submitted
17.	European Commission survey Horizon Europe Co-design 2021-2024	Survey	8 Sept 2019 (Sun)	Rebecca Edwards	<i>Note deadline is a Sunday. Aiming to submit on Friday 6 Sept.</i> BU Response submitted 5 Sept 2019.
18.	OfS survey considering the level of knowledge students should have of the OfS and how to involve and engage them within the OfS remit. Survey link .	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 – Student Engagement Strategy .

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19.	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.
20.	DfE EU Exit survey for HE providers on steps taken for Brexit preparation	Survey	27 Sept 2019	Shona Nairn Smith	Response submitted 25 Sept 2019
21.	DfE consultation on Higher Technical Education. Word version of consultation questions . Related documents here . Information page here .	Consultation	29 Sept 2019 (Sun)	Adam Child	Q's 13 and 14 are of particular interest. BU does not intend to respond. Outcome: still analysing feedback at 11 June 2020
22.	BCP Council Local Plan public consultation	Consultation	19 Nov 2019 (closes at midnight on Mon 18 th)	Stuart Laird & Jim Andrews via Savills	
23.	UUK Review of Fair Admissions – call for evidence Reference information .	Call for evidence	29 Nov 2019 (Fri)	Jane F & Jackie Mack	Response submitted 29/11/2019
24.	Home Office call for evidence to contribute to the Independent review of Prevent . Terms of reference . Online survey .	Call for evidence	9 Dec 2019 (Mon, 23:45)	Shona Nairn Smith	Contact Shona to discuss contents of response The reviewer stepped down in Dec 2019, unclear if this will proceed “ the future of the review will be considered in due course ” (June 2020).
25.	HESA consultations 1. Returning postgraduate research students and cost centre 2. On-entry data 3. Definition of student registration	Consultations	5 Feb 5 Feb 12 Feb 2020	Jon Mildenhall	1 – Submitted 2 – Submitted 3 – Submitted
26.	The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) is consulting on new draft guidance on Subject Access Requests	Consultation	12 Feb 2020 (Wed, 17:00)	Deborah Wakely	Response submitted . ICO note the consultation is closed. I was unable to find the published responses from responders.

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27.	Universities UK, together with GuildHE and QAA, has launched a survey of providers to gather information about the use of degree algorithms in determining students' final degree outcome.	Survey	14 February 2020 (Fri, 23:45)	Jacky Mack & Russell Pottle	BU response . Outcome here (including grade inflation).
28.	OfS consultation seeking views on the implementation of the recurrent HE grant funding reduction.	Consultation	17 February 2020 (Mon, noon)	N/A	Chose not to respond
29.	REF 2021 Codes of practice, complaints and investigation (draft) process. Intro ; consultation document ; Annex A consultation questions .	Consultation	3 March 2020 (Tues, noon)	Julie Northam	BU Response
30.	OfS Changes to T&Cs of funding 2020-21	Consultation	6 March 2020 (Fri)	Jackie Mack	Chose not to respond
31.	HESA Data Futures consultation: 66803 Off venue activity : entity requirements	Consultation	17 March 2020 (Tues)	Jo Freeman with PRIME	BU responded 17 th March 2020 [link to follow]
32.	HESA Data Futures consultation: 84423 Module data basic structure	Consultation	20 March 2020	Jo Freeman with PRIME	Chose not to submit (uncontentious)
33.	Ofqual consultation on the GCSE, AS and A level exceptional exam grading and assessment arrangements .	Consultation	29 April 2020 (Wed)	Following only	To follow outcomes only – not planning a response.
34.	Commons Women and Equalities Committee inquiry on the different and disproportionate impact that the Coronavirus – and measures to tackle it - is having on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act.	Inquiry	30 April 2020	Following only	To follow outcomes only – not planning a response.

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35.	DfE announced the launch of a consultation on (exceptional arrangements) proposals for awarding other general, vocational and technical qualifications . Response link here . Full details of the here .	Consultation	8 May 2020 (23:45)	Following only	FOR INFO ONLY – not planning to respond
36.	REF 2021 consultation initial views on REF timetable (timing in light of C-19 interruption to business)	Consultation	5 May 2020 (noon)	Shelley/Jane	Submitted
37.	Institute for Apprenticeship consultation on changing degree apprenticeships banding intro and consultation document	Consultation	18 May 2020 (midday)	Following only	No response intended – following for outcomes only
38.	OfS consultation on the integrity and stability of the English HE sector (competition limitation, ceasing conditional unconditionals, etc).	Consultation	26 May 2020	Jane Forster	Submitted
39.	Education select committee inquiry on Left behind white pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Call for evidence .	Inquiry	5 June 2020	Following only	Following only at this stage – no interest expressed in responding yet.
40.	UKRI Open Access Peer Review Consultation. Consultation document	Consultation	29 May 2020 (New deadline)	Julie Northam	Submitted
41.	Proposed modifications to REF 2021 consultation , also proposed mitigations here.	Consultation	8 July 2020	Shelly Stringer	Chose not to respond
42.	R&D roadmap survey	Consultation	12 August 2020	TBC	Did not respond
43.	Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry into a new (ARPA style) UK research funding agency	Inquiry	31 July 2020	Julie Northam	Submitted
44.	NCUB Roadmap and Covid survey considering how C-19 is impacting universities ability to contribute to innovation through their innovation-focused partnerships, commercialisation and other knowledge exchange activities.	Survey	4 Sept 2020	Julie Northam Jim Andrews	Did not submit.
45.	OfS consultation on student protection. Intro , consultation document , response portal .	Consultation	11 Sept 2020	Jane Forster	Response submitted.

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, the site confirms they are still reviewing responses (22 January 2020).
2.	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 18 September 2019).
3.	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. Evidence published here . Inquiry remains open but closed to written evidence. Ongoing at 18 Sept 2019.
4.	Defence Committee inquiry into the UK Response to Hybrid Threats	Inquiry	Remains open past initial deadline	Anna Hillingdon, Sascha Bachmann	Response submitted 15 March 2019. Evidence published here . Inquiry remains open - ongoing at 18 Sept 2019.
5.	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 – 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.
6.	DCMS inquiry into Reality TV	Inquiry	13 June 2019 (Thurs, 5pm)	Ann Luce	Response submitted 12 June. Inquiry remains open at 18 Sept 2019.
7.	DCMS and Home Office Online Harms white paper	Consultation	1 July 2019	Sevil Yesiloglu John McAlaney	Sevil's response . John McAlaney and Raian Ali's response . Government are currently analysing responses (at 18 Sept 2019).
8.	DfE consultation into Character and Resilience.	Consultation	5 July 2019 (Fri)	Constantina Panourgia	Response submitted. No update at 13 August 2019.

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9.	SIA Related Treasury inquiry into Decarbonisation of the UK Economy and Green Finance . Terms of Reference . Submission link	Inquiry	26 Jul 2019 (Fri)	Christopher Hartwell	Response 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.
10.	*SIA RELATED* Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee (Wales) Decarbonisation of Transport	Inquiry	16 Aug 2019 (Fri)	Janet Dickinson	Did not respond.
11.	DCMS and Cabinet Office consultation into Digital Identity . Call for evidence description document. Email 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.
12.	Lords Science and Technology Committee inquiry into Ageing: Science, Technology and Healthy Living . Call for evidence document.	Inquiry	20 Sept 2019 (Fri)	Sarah Carter	Samuel Nyman, Katharine Appleton, and Debbie Holley with Vanessa Heaslip all submitted responses. Their written evidence has been published . Samuel Nyman gave oral evidence 5 Nov 2019.
13.	Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into UK and Iran's regional role	Inquiry	No end date	Anna Hillingdon	Submitted
14.	NICE consultation on draft guidance for care before, during & after hip, knee or shoulder replacement .	Consultation	26 Nov 2019 (5pm, Tues)	Tom Wainwright	Did not submit – not following outcomes.
15.	NHS Med Tech funding mandate consultation	Consultation	18 Dec 2019	(Steve Tee for info only)	Not responding, following for outcomes because of keen interest for Medical Science SIA.
16.	Skills for Health clinical academic professional apprenticeship	Consultation	18 March 2020 (Wed, noon)	Vanora Hundley Jane Forster	Awaiting update on whether this was submitted. Jane preparing staff questionnaire to gather views and inform response.
17.	Lords Communications and Digital Committee inquiry into the Future of Journalism . Evidence call	Inquiry	23 March 2020 (Wed) + extension afterwards	John Oliver	John Oliver and Stephen Jukes submitted (separately) – links to follow. Responses published in Committee pages: John ; Stephen .
18.	DCMS call for evidence into online advertising – effective applications and enforcement of advertising standards online (content and placement).	Call for evidence	23 March 2020	Sevil Yesiloglu	Sevil submitted – link to follow Outcome: DCMS will publish a summary of relevant evidence as part of formal consultation later in 2020.

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19.	What can we learn from the COVID-19 crisis about social connection with isolated groups? - APPG on Social Integration	Inquiry	17 April 2020	Lee-Ann Fenge Jane Murphy	Lee-Ann Fenge submitted – link to follow Jane Murphy submitted – link to follow
20.	Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into UK and Iran	Inquiry	9 April 2020	Anna Hillingdon	Submitted – published on Committee page
21.	Public Accounts Committee inquiry on problem gambling - how well the current regulatory framework protects gamblers and how current restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic could affect those susceptible to the negative impacts of gambling.	Inquiry	22 April 2020	John McAlaney	Submitted – link to follow.
22.	BEIS Committee inquiry into The impact of coronavirus on businesses and workers (open brief)	Inquiry	30 April 2020	John Oliver	Submitted – link to follow. Evidence published and includes John's submission.
23.	COVID-19 and food supply - Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee	Inquiry	1 May 2020	TBD	Did not submit
24.	DCMS inquiry into the Impact of COVID-19 on Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Sectors.	Inquiry	1 May 2020	TBD	Did not submit
25.	The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry to examine the FCO's contribution to the Integrated Review process and ask what role and resources the Review should give to the FCO for UK foreign-policy strategy.	Inquiry	8 May 2020	Anna Hillingdon	Did not submit
26.	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee inquiry into Government's approach to managing flood risk – scrutiny of the Government's plans for flood risk management in England.	Inquiry	15 May 2020	Sally Brown	Submitted – link to follow
27.	DCMS inquiry into the Future of Public Service Broadcasting . Call for evidence page .	Inquiry	19 June 2020	Karen Fowler-Watt	Submitted – link to follow

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28.	DCMS inquiry into the Future of Public Service Broadcasting . Call for evidence page .	Inquiry	19 June 2020	Various	Karen Fowler-Watt submitted (waiting for Committee to publish evidence) Dan Jackson submitted
29.	EU Goods Sub-Committee inquiry Beyond tariffs: facilitating future UK-EU trade in manufactured goods inquiry	Inquiry	26 June 2020	Sangeeta Khorana	Sangeeta did not submit
30.	Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs public evidence request on cognition enhancers (study drugs)	Call for evidence	31 July 2020	N/A	Following for outcomes only
31.	Health & Social Care Committee inquiry into Workforce burnout and resilience in the NHS and social care .	Inquiry	30 October 2020	Lee-Ann Fenge	Submitted 3 Sept 2020.
32.	Gambling Commission consultation on online games design (online slots = high risk of addiction and harm): introduction , overview , response link , consultation document with questions	Consultation	3 Sept 2020	John McAlaney	Submitted 3 Sept 2020.