

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
UUK consultation into Degree classification: statement of intent – progress review	Consultation	9 Oct 2020 (Fri)	Jules Forrest / Jane Forster	Underway
Treasury consultation – The scope of qualifying expenditures for R&D Tax Credits	Consultation	13 Oct 2020		Not planning to respond
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		Not planning to respond
BEIS consultation re: Recognition of professional qualifications and regulation of professions – call for evidence .	Consultation	23 October 2020		Not planning to respond
PAUSED				
AWAITING - Student outcomes consultation - expected to follow a student characteristic approach				
PAUSED				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OfS expectations – regulation of harassment and sexual misconduct affecting students in HE. OfS announcement; consultation document; online response link. (Mandi Barron & Deborah Wakely) OfS consultation on their approach to monetary penalties: original link. (Jane Forster) OfS consultation on admissions (Jane Forster) – paused until after the 2021 cycle. 				
Coming soon... all expected after the current crisis abates				
<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

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 AND that an academic intends to respond to are included in the below list.

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	DCMS call for evidence on video game loot boxes – press release ; call for evidence ; questions ; pdf version of consultation document .	Consultation	22 Nov 2020	Sarah Hodge & John McAlaney	Joint response, compiling initial draft.

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](#)

	Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
1.	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.
2.	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.
3.	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
4.	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
5.	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

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6.	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
7.	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
8.	OfS Changes to T&Cs of funding 2020-21	Consultation	6 March 2020 (Fri)	Jackie Mack	Chose not to respond
9.	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.
10.	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.
11.	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
12.	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
13.	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
14.	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

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15.	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.
16.	UKRI Open Access Peer Review Consultation. Consultation document	Consultation	29 May 2020 (New deadline)	Julie Northam	Submitted
17.	Proposed modifications to REF 2021 consultation , also proposed mitigations here.	Consultation	8 July 2020	Shelly Stringer	Chose not to respond
18.	R&D roadmap survey	Consultation	12 August 2020	TBC	Did not respond
19.	Commons Science and Technology Committee inquiry into a new (ARPA style) UK research funding agency	Inquiry	31 July 2020	Julie Northam	Submitted
20.	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.
21.	OfS consultation on student protection. Intro , consultation document , response portal .	Consultation	11 Sept 2020	Jane Forster	Response submitted.
22.	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	Submitted.

CLOSED - Niche ones we are watching

Please note – as Parliament is switching to a new web base some of the original links will no longer work.

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1.	Business productivity review	Call for evidence	6 July 2018 (Fri)	N/A	Did not submit – following for outcomes only. Outcome .
2.	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.
3.	DCMS inquiry into Reality TV	Inquiry	13 June 2019 (Thurs, 5pm)	Ann Luce	Response submitted 12 June. Inquiry remains open at 18 Sept 2019.
4.	DfE consultation into Character and Resilience .	Consultation	5 July 2019 (Fri)	Constantina Panourgia	Response submitted. No update at 13 August 2019.
5.	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.
6.	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.
7.	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.
8.	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 .
9.	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
10.	Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry into UK and Iran	Inquiry	9 April 2020	Anna Hillingdon	Submitted – published on Committee page

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11.	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.
12.	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.
13.	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
14.	DCMS inquiry into the Future of Public Service Broadcasting . Call for evidence page .	Inquiry	19 June 2020	Karen Fowler-Watt	Submitted – link to follow
15.	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
16.	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
17.	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.
18.	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.