

Responses tracker for external consultations and inquiries

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| 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 |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| How GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 . Information | Consultation | 29 Jan 2021 | N/A | Not planning to respond |
| Alternative arrangements for the award of VTOs (vocational & technical) and other general qualifications in 2021. Information . | Consultation | 29 Jan 2021 | N/A | Not planning to respond |
| DfE Review of Post-16 Qualifications at level 3: Second stage | Consultation | 31 Jan 2021 | N/A | Not planning to respond |
| DfE call for evidence on Post-16 Level 2 and below study and qualifications in England | Consultation | 14 Feb 2021 | N/A | Not planning to respond |
| OfS consultation on reportable events (pdf versions here and here) | Consultation | 19 Feb 2021 | TBC | Considering a response |
| OfS consultation on monetary penalties (pdf version here) (replaces previous monetary penalties consultation originally released in March 2020) | Consultation | 26 Feb 2021 | TBC | TBC |
| OfS consultation on publication of information about individual providers (pdf version here) | Consultation | 5 Mar 2021 | TBC | TBC |
| DfE consultation on changing HE admissions to a POA model | Consultation | 13 May 2021 (09:30 deadline) | TBC | To commence... |

Expecting shortly...

- OfS consultation on the changes to the HE recurrent teaching grant;
- 2 x TEF consultation (one on the future, and one on interim arrangements when the current awards expire in the summer);
- DfE/Augar related consultation(s)/Further reforms to the HE system - student finance terms and conditions, the lifelong loan entitlement, national skills fund, minimum entry requirements to higher education institutions and the treatment of foundation years (Spring 2021), perhaps also the modularisation of HE. Tackling low value courses is also expected to be consulted upon.
- DfE will consult on the proposals to reform FE funding and accountability

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

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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| | Lords National Plan for Sport and Recreation Committee inquiry into the National plan for sport and recreation | Inquiry | 29 Jan 2021 | Raf Nicholson | Submitted 28/01/2021 – awaiting final copy |
| | Gambling Commission survey seeking views on how gambling companies interact with their customers (balance between consumer protections and consumer freedom and privacy) | Consultation | 9 Feb 2021 | Emily Arden-Close | Awaiting first draft |
| | Dept for Transport consultation into Future of Transport: rural strategy | Consultation | 16 Feb 2021 | Angela Smith | Awaiting first draft |

Closed consultations and inquiries

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

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|----|--|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 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 December 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. - Delayed |
| 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 2 December 2020 |

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| 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 |
| 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 Outcome (Nov 2020): POQ |
| 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 OUTCOME published 12 Oct 2020 |
| 12. | REF 2021 consultation initial views on REF timetable (timing in light of C-19 interruption to business) | Consultation | 5 May 2020 (noon) | Shelley/Janne | Submitted |

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| 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 |
| 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. Inquiry continues at Jan 2021 |
| 16. | UKRI Open Access Peer Review Consultation. Consultation document | Consultation | 29 May 2020 (New deadline) | Julie Northam | Submitted Phase 4 due to launch shortly (scroll to bottom on page on link). Phase 4 anticipated to end Jun 2021 at earliest. |
| 17. | Proposed modifications to REF 2021 consultation , also proposed mitigations here. | Consultation | 8 July 2020 | Shelly Stringer | Chose not to response Summary of survey responses |
| 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 Evidence (oral & written) here . Inquiry continues (Jan 2021). |
| 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. |
| 23. | UUK consultation into Degree classification: statement of intent – progress review | Consultation | 9 Oct 2020 (Fri) | Jules Forrest / Jane Forster | Decided not to respond |

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| 24. | 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 |
| 25. | Treasury consultation – The scope of qualifying expenditures for R&D Tax Credits | Consultation | 13 Oct 2020 | | Chose not to respond |
| 26. | 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 | | Chose not to respond |
| 27. | BEIS consultation re: Recognition of professional qualifications and regulation of professions – call for evidence. | Consultation | 23 Oct 2020 | | Chose not to respond |
| 28. | OfS consultation on process for allocating additional £10m recurrent teaching grant & £10m capital funding. Introduction ; consultation document . | Consultation | 9 Nov 2020 | | Chose not to respond |
| 29. | OfS have published a provider and students' union survey on the NSS (description here). | Survey | 13 Nov 2020 | | Chose not to respond |
| 30. | UKRI consultation on recognising an endorsed funder under the Global Talent Visa immigration route. Introductory Info. | Consultation | 27 Nov 2020 | | Chose not to respond |
| 31. | OIA consultation on new scheme rules for large group complaints | Consultation | 30 Nov 2020 | Jules Forrest | Submitted Link to follow |
| 32. | OfS Review of its access and participation regulation | Stake holder review | Not specified – see email | | See email which explains format and invitation to participate. |
| 33. | Joint Human Rights Committee inquiry into the impact of long lockdown restrictions on human rights | Inquiry | 11 Jan 2021 | N/A | Not planning to respond |
| 34. | | | | | |
| 35. | OfS consultation on a new approach to the Uni Connect programme from 2021-22 to 2024-25 (NCOP replacement) | Consultation | 19 Jan 2021 | Nic Murray-Fagan | Nic Murray-Fagan submitted a personal response (copy not held by Policy team). |
| 36. | OfS consultation on regulating quality and standards in higher education. | Consultation | 26 Jan 2021 | Jane Forster | Final draft produced |

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 . This evidence link includes transcript of oral evidence by Anna Hillingdon and written evidence from Anna, and from Sascha (separately). |
| 3. | DCMS inquiry into Reality TV Use this link as Parliament has changed to a new website. | Inquiry | 13 June 2019 (Thurs, 5pm) | Ann Luce | Response submitted 12 June. All evidence here . |
| 4. | DfE consultation into Character and Resilience . | Consultation | 5 July 2019 (Fri) | Constantina Panourgia | Response submitted. Closed (general election) no latest findings or outcome document could be found. |
| 5. | SIA Related Treasury inquiry into Decarbonisation of the UK Economy and Green Finance . Terms of Reference . Submission link Use this link – parliament has moved to a new website | Inquiry | 26 Jul 2019 (Fri) | Christopher Hartwell | Response sent 8 July 2019. Evidence . Inquiry closed prematurely due to general election. |
| 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. Requested outcomes (Jan 2021) - no response received |

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| 7. | Skills for Health clinical academic professional apprenticeship Links no longer work. | Consultation | 18 March 2020 (Wed, noon) | Vanora Hundley Jane Forster | Staff questionnaire received little response. Therefore, chose not to respond to this consultation. |
| 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 . Committee report here . Inquiry remains open at Jan 2021 but no business is scheduled. |
| 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 Final report |
| 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 |

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| 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. Published here and page link . |
| 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. |
| 19. | 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 | Submitted |
| 20. | Committee for Advertising Practice consultation on stricter rules for gambling advertisements | Consultation | 22 Jan 2021 | Elvira Bolat | Submitted to add link |