

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
Review of R&D tax relief (launched at 2021 Budget)	Consultation	2 June 2021	N/A	Following for interest only. Relevant: July 2020 summary of consultation responses on the scope of qualifying expenditures for R&D Tax Credits .
HESA consultation on harmonised standards for data collection (2021 census) and updates to coding frames for personal characteristics and equality data items	Consultation	17 June	Jon Mildenhall	Drafting
HE Commission (Policy Connect, Chris Skidmore) call for evidence into university research and levelling up. Announcement ; call document .	Call for evidence	18 June	Jane Forster	Drafting
Home Office consultation on the Protect Duty	Consultation	2 July 2021	TBC	

Coming soon

Expecting shortly...

- Student Futures Commission [call for written evidence](#) (call due in May, concludes in June; final report and recommendations expected December 2021).
- 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. Elements or all of this may be pushed back until late in 2021 (see below).
- DFE will consult on the proposals to reform FE funding and accountability .

Before September 2021:

- Lifelong Loan Entitlement Consultation, Research & Development Places Strategy, Research & Development People and Culture Strategy.

Between September 2021 and March 2022:

- Digital Strategy, Full conclusion of the post-18 Review of Education and Funding, Net Zero Strategy.

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.

	Consultations and Select Committee inquiries	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
	Justice Committee inquiry into Women in Prison	Inquiry	7 June 2021	Kathryn McDonald	Considering whether to respond – no interest expressed at 26 May.
	Home Affairs Committee inquiry into Investigation and prosecution of rape	Inquiry	7 June 2021	Peter Arabaci Hills, John McAlaney, Terri Cole	Final draft stage
	Home Affairs consultation on the Computer Misuse Act 1990	Consultation	8 June 2021	John McAlaney	John preparing limited Q response on hackers
	Dept of Health & Social Care call for evidence on Women's Health Strategy .	Consultation	13 June 2021	Various, including Vanora Hundley	BU colleagues responding via professional groups or on an individual basis – no institutional response planned
	Two international trade committee inquiries into UK trade negotiations and UK-EU trading relationship	Inquiry	31 Dec 2021 (both)	Sangeeta Khorana	Considering whether to respond

Closed consultations and inquiries

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

New or updated information

Awaiting final outcome/report

Outcome finalised and closed

	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 official full response in April 2021.

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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
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.

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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/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
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	Shelley Stringer	Chose not to respond 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).

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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
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

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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
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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). Outcome: Analysis of consultation responses (decisions from page 62 onwards) Also published: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An independent evaluation of Uni Connect's impact on intermediate outcomes for learners • Formative evaluation of Uni Connect phase two: survey of school and college staff
36.	OfS consultation on regulating quality and standards in higher education.	Consultation	26 Jan 2021	Jane Forster	Submitted
37.	How GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021. Information	Consultation	29 Jan 2021	N/A	Chose not to respond
38.	Alternative arrangements for the award of VTOs (vocational & technical) and other general qualifications in 2021. Information.	Consultation	29 Jan 2021	N/A	Chose not to respond
39.	DfE Review of Post-16 Qualifications at level 3: Second stage	Consultation	31 Jan 2021	N/A	Chose not to respond
40.	DfE call for evidence on Post-16 Level 2 and below study and qualifications in England	Consultation	14 Feb 2021	N/A	Chose not to respond
41.	OfS consultation on reportable events (pdf versions here and here)	Consultation	26 Feb 2021	Jane Forster	Response submitted

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42.	OfS consultation on monetary penalties (pdf version here) (replaces previous monetary penalties consultation originally released in March 2020)	Consultation	26 Feb 2021	TBC	Chose not to respond
43.	OfS consultation on publication of information about individual providers (pdf version here)	Consultation	5 Mar 2021	N/A	Chose not to respond
44.	OfS consultation on distribution of capital funding for financial year 2021-22	Consultation	23 Apr 2021		Decided not to respond
45.	OfS consultation on recurrent funding for 2021/22	Consultation	6 May 2021	TBC	Not planning to respond
46.	DfE consultation on changing HE admissions to a POA model	Consultation	13 May 2021 (09:30 deadline)	TBC	Submitted 12 May

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.

	NICHE Consultations	Type	Deadline	Lead	Progress update
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).

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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
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.

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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
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

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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
21.	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 – to upload final copy
22.	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	Submitted
23.	Dept for Transport consultation into Future of Transport: rural strategy	Consultation	16 Feb 2021	Angela Smith	Submitted
24.	Public Accounts Committee inquiry into The Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund	Inquiry	25 Feb 2021	TBC	Rebecca Edwards and Ehren Milner discussed a response but chose not to respond
25.	HSC White Paper on Health & Social Care	Consultation	23 Mar 2021	N/A	No response planned
26.	DCMS proposals for changes to Gambling Commission fees from 1 October 2021	White paper	25 Mar 2021	John McAlaney	Submitted, awaiting final submission

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27.	Home Affairs Committee inquiry into Violence against women and girls. Description.	Inquiry	11 May 2021 (noon)	Peter Arabaci Hills	Submitted
28.	DCMS inquiry into Major cultural and sporting events	Inquiry	14 May 2021	Debbie Sadd	Submitted