

Production of BCS Consultation Responses

The Institute responds to consultations from government and other bodies to facilitate dialogue between its members and the government/key bodies as part of its mission to inform on public policy that affects the IT profession and wider society.

The Policy team monitors various media channels on a regular basis for announcements of new consultations. New consultations are prioritised in consideration of their relevance and importance to the Institute. When deemed relevant and important, the Policy team opens the consultation questions for BCS members to respond to in the Policy Hub and informs members that a response is being coordinated via the normal membership communication channels. A deadline is set for member's to provide input in order to allow time for the final response to be collated.

Where there is a clear lead group on any particular subject area, that group may work on an initial draft of the consultation response and will incorporate inputs from the wider membership as appropriate. Where there is no lead group, the BCS Policy team will collate all members' views into a final BCS response.

The draft response is reviewed by the Chair of the BCS Government Relations Group if time and the final version is approved by the BCS Director of Policy and Public Affairs. The Policy team then submits the response to the relevant department in the format specified in the consultation.

