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Mr Ross has asked:

To ask the Minister for Employment and Learning to detail how many public consultations his Department has carried out since 2007, broken down by issue; and to detail the number of responses received per consultation.

ANSWER

A total of 42 public consultations have been undertaken by my Department since 2007 and a total of 1,447 responses were received. A detailed breakdown by issue and number of responses is provided at Annex A.

**DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning**

Calendar Year in which the consultation commenced	Title of Public Consultation	Number of responses received
2007	Consultation on the review of Higher Education in Further Education, including Foundation Degrees	41
2007	Additional Paternity Leave and Pay: Consultation on Administration	13
2007	Changes to Recruitment Industry Law and Related Guidance	11
2007	Increasing the Holiday Entitlement: Further Consultation	13
2007	Proposed amendments to the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to alter the composition of governing bodies of colleges of further education	33
2007	Further Education Means Business - Policy Proposals	40
2007	Disability Action Plan	0
2007	Preparing for Success - A Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Strategy for Northern Ireland	94
2008	Consultation on Proposals to Amend Trade Union Law	13
2008	Employment Agencies and Businesses: Proposed Changes to Investigation Powers and Penalty Regime	13
2008	New Regulatory Arrangements for Vocational Qualifications in Northern Ireland	53
2009	Choice for Families: Additional Paternity Leave and Pay: Consultation on Draft Regulations	15
2009	Development of a Higher Education Strategy for Northern Ireland	40
2009	Disputes in the Workplace: a Systems Review	38
2009	Flexible Working and Time to Train: Proposed extension of Flexible Working Law. Introduction of a new right to request time to train.	22

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2009	Employment tribunal claims and the Public Interest Disclosure Act	6
2009	Implementation of the European Works Council Directive 2009/38/EC	1
2009	An Amendment to the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005	13
2009	Qualifications required to teach in institutions of Further Education	7
2010	A Consultation on a Regional Strategy for Widening Participation in Higher Education	31
2010	Regulations to Prohibit the Blacklisting of Trade Union Members	15
2010	The Agency Workers Directive - A Public Consultation 2010	18
2010	Disability Action Plan	2
2010	Government STEM Strategy	42
2010	Success through Skills 2	72
2011	Evaluation of Foundation Degree Forward	271
2011	Development of a Higher Education Strategy for Northern Ireland	40
2011	Proposed discontinuance of Stranmillis University College and its proposed merger with the Queen's University of Belfast	53
2011	Future policy on higher education tuition fees and student finance arrangements in Northern Ireland	40
2011	Call for evidence in relation to the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and the Service Provision Change (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006	6
2011	Qualifications required to deliver Essential Skills	54
2011	Draft Equality Scheme	5
2011	Audit Of Inequalities & Action Plan	0

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2011	Disability Action Plan	3
2011	A Strategy for those not in Education, Employment or Training.	50
2012	Future of Education Maintenance Allowance Scheme	62
2012	Employment Law Review - discussion paper	38
2012	Implementation of EU Directive: Extension to Parental Leave Entitlement	11
2012	Proposals to Widen the Powers of the General Teaching Council for NI and Extend Its Remit to Include the FE Sector	41
2012	STEPS2SUCCESS(NI)	83
2013	Sharing Parental Rights - Extending Flexibility at Work	32
2013	Consultation on the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and the Service Provisions Change (Protection of Employment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006	12