

Annex C

Institutional response to Questions 1 – 12

1. The consultation document was sent to:
 - heads of HEFCE-funded higher education institutions
 - heads of HEFCE-funded further education colleges
 - heads of indirectly funded FECs with HE provision
 - heads of universities in Northern Ireland.
2. Responses were to be made by 20 February 2007 using the online form available on the HEFCE web-site. A copy of the online response format is presented in Annex A.
3. This annex summarises the responses made by individual HEIs and FECs quantitatively, using the pre-coded response template for the consultation.

Methodology

4. It was determined that responses by provider institutions should be broken down into categories reflecting the diversity of provision across the sectors.
5. The categories chosen were based on the most recent validated data that are published by HEFCE which were used to describe the 'shape and size of current provision' of HE in FECs in the consultation document, that is, the data for 2004-05¹. These data represent the higher level provision in colleges which is funded by HEFCE, that is, 'prescribed' higher education². Figure 1 in 2006/48 demonstrated the range of provision in colleges from under 100 students to over 1,000 and the decision was made to group these into the two smallest and the two largest deciles and to construct matching³ categories based on the extent of indirectly funded relationships led by HEIs.
6. Eight categories of provider have been characterised as follows:
 1. FECs with a large amount of HE provision, that is, above 900 students⁴
 2. FECs with medium provision, 200 – 899
 3. FECs with small provision, 1 – 199
 4. FECs with no HE provision
 5. HEIs with a large amount of provision funded indirectly through partnerships⁵, above 900 students
 6. HEIs with medium indirect provision, 200 – 899
 7. HEIs with small indirect provision, 1 – 199
 8. HEIs with no indirect provision.

¹ However, in some instances (see the following sections), 2006-07 baseline data have been used to give the current totals of HEFCE funded HEIs and FECs.

² 'Non-prescribed' higher education provided in FECs is funded by the LSC.

³ These categories are matched in terms of headcount but do not represent deciles of the distribution of indirect funding via HEIs.

⁴ Headcounts have been used rather than FTEs.

⁵ This includes both franchises (most commonly) and HE led HEFCE-funded consortia.

7. The responses from HEIs and FECs made on behalf of the institution were input, coded by the above categories, into a database and have been reported in bar charts and tables.

8. The size of provision was measured by student headcount. FEC provision is direct and/or indirect.

9. One FEC submitted a response explicitly in the name of a funding consortium and in this case the submission has been taken as the view of each of the three members (all FECs).

Responses from institutions by category

The following tables summarise the response from HEIs and FECs.

Table 1: **Response from HEIs**

Category	Number	Responses	%
HEIs with no funding relationships with FECs in 2004-05	60	13	22
HEIs with a funding relationship with FECs in 2004-05 ^a	68	45	66
HEIs funded by HEFCE in 2006-07 ^b	132	58	44

a. In 2004-05 there were 128 HEIs.

b. The number of HEIs funded in 2006-07 (132) gives the baseline for the responses that could have been returned. The data are taken from the recurrent resourcing tables for 2006-07, final allocations, 2006/43. None of the HEIs funded for the first time since 2004-05 made a response.

Table 2: **Response from HEIs by amount of indirect funding**

Category ^a	Number of HEIs in 2004-05	Responses	%
HEIs with large indirect funding	17	14 ^b	82
HEIs with medium indirect funding	24	16	67
HEIs with small indirect funding	27	15	56
HEIs with no indirect funding	60	13	22

a. The classifications are based on the 2004-05 data used to produce Figure 1 in Annex C of 2006/48.

b. One of the HEIs with the largest indirect funding made a response on behalf of its partnership and this response has been analysed as a combined response and not included in the statistical analysis. The total HEIs in this category making a response was therefore 15 or 88 per cent.

Table 3: **Response from FECs**

Category	Number of FECs in 2006-07	Responses	%
All FECs	387 ^a	74	19
FECs with HE	286 ^b	72	25
FECs directly funded by HEFCE	144 ^c	48	33

a. The total of 387 FECs comes from figures provided by the LSC and comprises 262 general FE/tertiary colleges (all those so defined by the LSC), 23 specialist and 102 sixth form colleges.

b. The total of 286 colleges with HEFCE funded 'prescribed' HE (direct and/or indirect) comes from data that are not yet published. In 2004-05, it was 287.

c. The total of 144 FECs funded directly is taken from 2007/04.

Table 4: **Response from FECs by amount of provision (direct and indirect)**

Category ^a	Number of FECs in 2004-05	Responses	%
FECs with large HE provision	24	15	63
FECs with medium HE provision	139	43	31
FECs with small HE provision	124	14	11
FECs with no HE provision ^b	101	2	2

a. The classifications are based on the 2004-05 data used to produce Figure 1 in Annex C of 2006/48.

b. Only FECs with direct funding and FECs with indirectly funded HE provision were sent the consultation.

Responses to each consultation question

10. The charts and tables represent all those HEIs and FECs which made an institutional response to the consultation. The size of provision was measured by headcount. FEC provision is direct and/or indirect.

Pattern of response Question 1

11. A significant majority of all providers that responded to the consultation (82 per cent) agreed strongly or agreed with the HEFCE view with only a few (8 per cent) disagreeing and none disagreeing strongly.

12. However, significantly more FECs agreed strongly than HEIs and this pattern is demonstrated across all FE providers regardless of the size of their provision whilst among HEIs there was some disagreement with the presented view, in particular from those HEIs with little or no indirect funding.

Figure 1: Response to Question 1 by category of institution

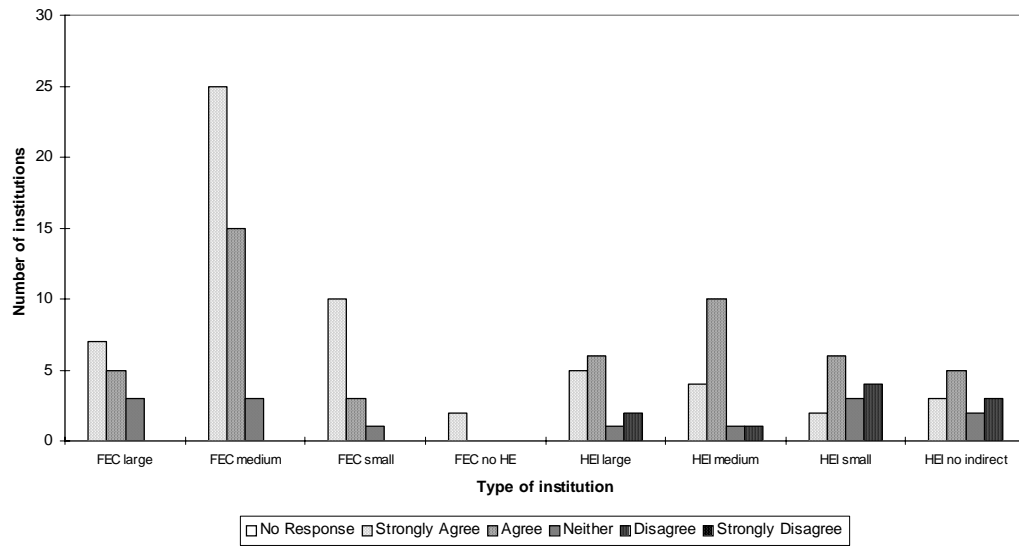


Table 5: Response to Question 1

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	7	47	5	33	3	20	0	0	0	0	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	25	58	15	35	3	7	0	0	0	0	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	10	71	3	21	1	7	0	0	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
All FECs	0	0	44	59	23	31	7	9	0	0	0	0	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	5	36	6	43	1	7	2	14	0	0	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	4	25	10	20	1	6	1	6	0	0	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	2	13	6	40	3	20	4	27	0	0	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	3	23	5	38	2	15	3	23	0	0	13
All HEIs	0	0	14	24	27	46	7	12	10	17	0	0	58
All higher education providers	0	0	58	44	50	38	14	11	10	8	0	0	132

Pattern of response Question 2

13. The great majority of providers that responded to the consultation (96 per cent) agreed strongly or agreed that a strategy statement should be provided. There is no significant difference between colleges and HEIs overall. Within the colleges, the large providers were all in support and among the medium providers only one disagreed. Amongst the HEIs, those with no indirect provision demonstrated a clearly different pattern of response from those with indirect provision and were more strongly in favour.

Figure 2: **Response to Question 2 by category of institution**

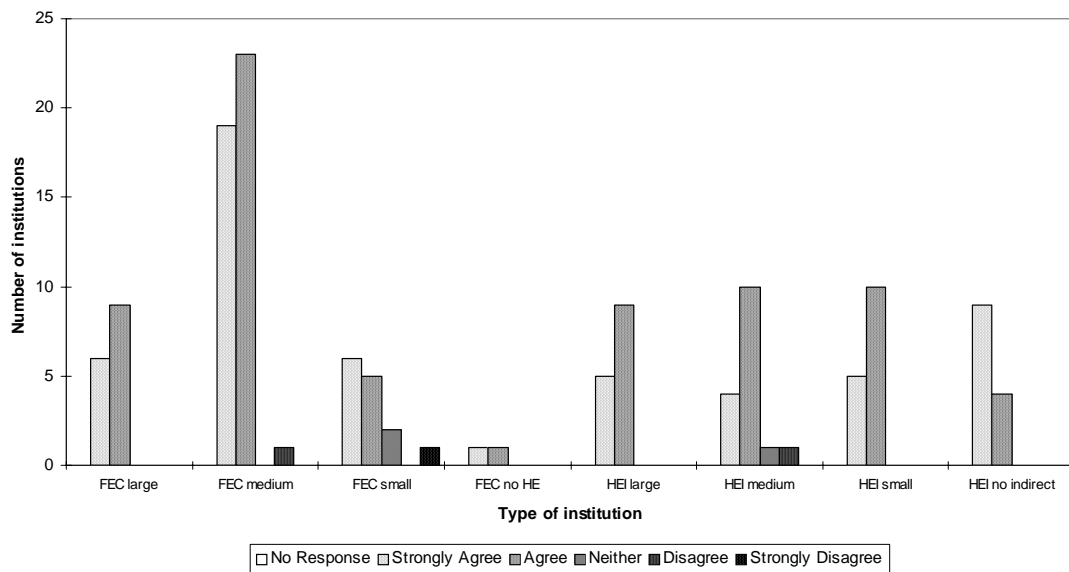


Table 6: Response to Question 2

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	6	40	9	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	19	44	23	53	0	0	1	2	0	0	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	6	43	5	35	2	14	0	0	1	7	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
All FECs	0	0	32	43	38	51	2	3	1	1	1	1	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	5	36	9	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	4	25	10	63	1	6	1	6	0	0	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	5	33	10	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	9	69	4	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
All HEIs	0	0	23	40	33	57	1	2	1	2	0	0	58
All higher education providers	0	0	55	42	71	54	3	2	2	2	1	1	132

Pattern of responses Question 3

14. A clear majority (81 per cent) of all providers strongly agreed or agreed. Significantly more FECs agreed strongly than HEIs. The largest FEC providers demonstrated the strongest support, whilst among the HEIs with medium levels of indirect provision, only one agreed strongly.

Figure 3: **Response to Question 3 by category of institution**

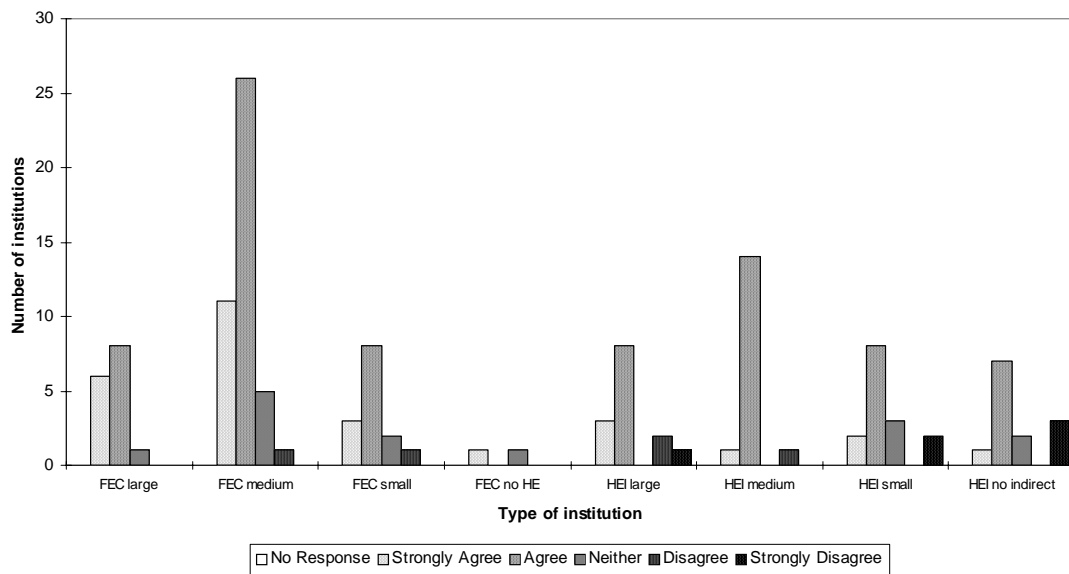


Table 7: Response to Question 3

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	6	40	8	53	1	7	0	0	0	0	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	11	26	26	60	5	12	1	2	0	0	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	3	21	8	57	2	14	1	7	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	2
All FECs	0	0	21	28	42	57	9	12	2	3	0	0	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	3	21	8	57	0	0	2	14	1	7	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	1	6	14	88	0	0	1	6	0	0	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	2	13	8	53	3	20	0	0	2	13	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	1	8	7	54	2	15	0	0	3	23	13
All HEIs	0	0	7	12	37	64	5	9	3	5	6	10	58
All higher education providers	0	0	28	21	79	60	14	11	5	4	6	5	132

Pattern of response Question 4

15. A clear majority (74 per cent) of all providers that responded to the consultation supported the criteria but few agreed strongly with them. There is little difference in the pattern of response of FECs and HEIs overall, but across the range of providers, the FECs with medium and small provision were proportionately more likely to agree or to neither agree nor disagree than to agree strongly. The HEIs with small levels of indirect provision had a more evenly distributed response across the range (including no response) than the other HEIs.

Figure 4: **Response to Question 4 by category of institution**

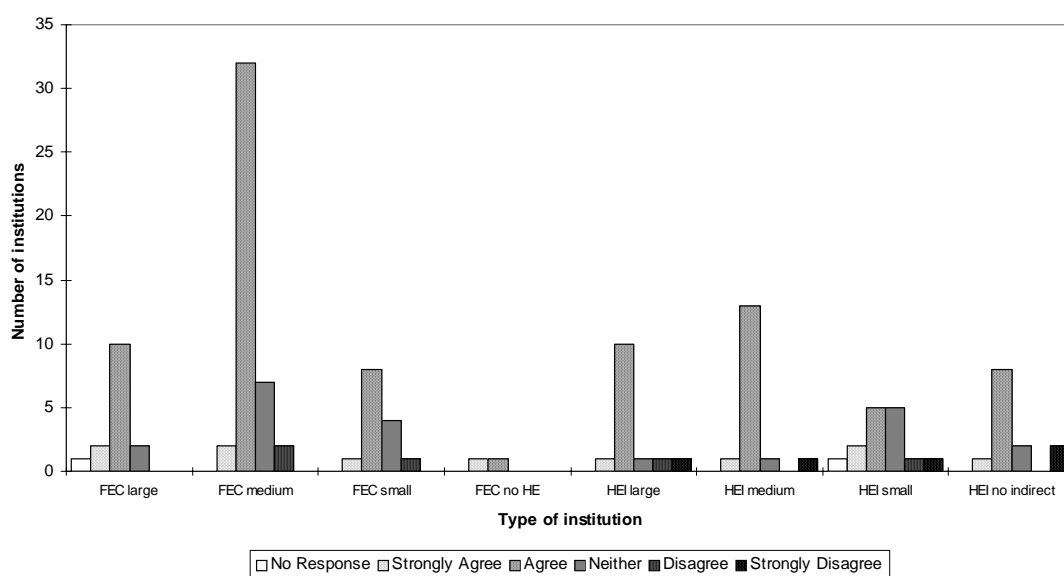


Table 8: Response to Question 4

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	1	7	2	13	10	67	2	13	0	0	0	0	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	2	5	32	74	7	16	2	5	0	0	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	1	7	8	57	4	29	1	7	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
All FECs	1	1	6	8	51	69	13	18	3	4	0	0	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	1	7	10	71	1	7	1	7	1	7	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	1	6	13	81	1	6	0	0	1	6	16
HEI with small indirect provision	1	7	2	13	5	33	5	33	1	7	1	7	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	1	8	8	62	2	15	0	0	2	15	13
All HEIs	1	2	5	9	36	62	9	16	2	3	5	9	58
All higher education providers	2	2	11	8	87	66	22	17	5	4	5	4	132

Pattern of response Question 5

16. There was overwhelming support for the proposal to provide security of funding with 94 per cent of respondents in favour. The level of agreement was slightly higher among FECs than HEIs.

Figure 5: Response to Question 5 by category of institution

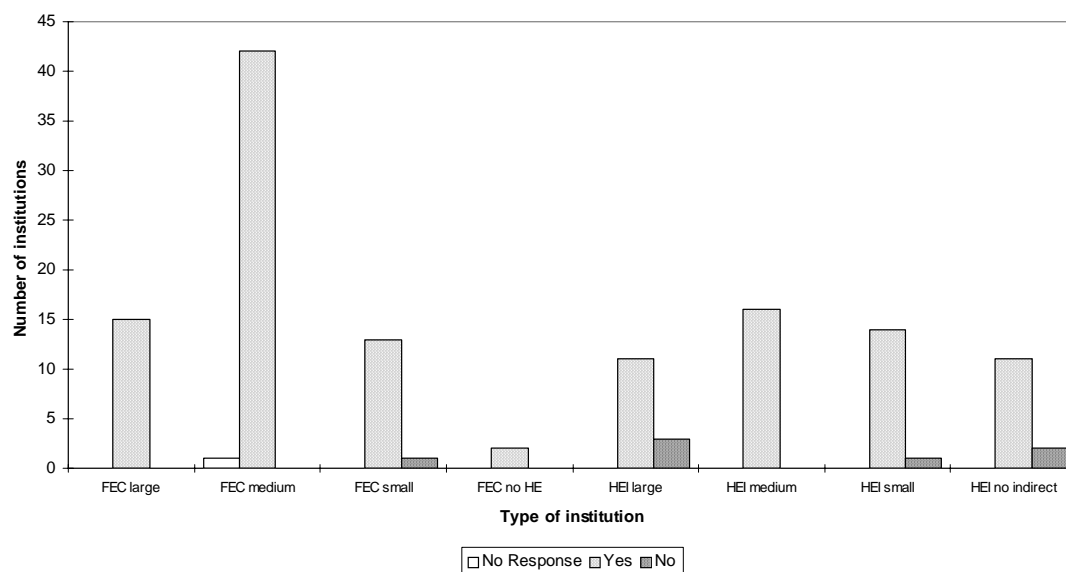


Table 9: Response to Question 5

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	15	100	0	0	15
FEC with medium provision	1	2	42	98	0	0	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	13	93	1	7	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	2	100	0	0	2
All FECs	1	1	72	97	1	1	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	11	79	3	21	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	16	100	0	0	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	14	93	1	7	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	11	85	2	15	13
All HEIs	0	0	52	90	6	10	58
All higher education providers	1	1	124	94	7	5	132

Pattern of responses Question 6

17. A clear majority of the providers that responded to the consultation agreed that developing information on the costs of teaching will assist in identifying the costs of collaborative activity, with 70 per cent agreeing strongly or agreeing. There was no significant difference between FECs and HEIs as a whole. Large FEC providers did not agree strongly whilst a significant proportion of medium and small providers did. The HEIs with indirect provision were also less strongly in favour, especially those with the highest levels of indirect provision.

Figure 6: Response to Question 6 by category of institution

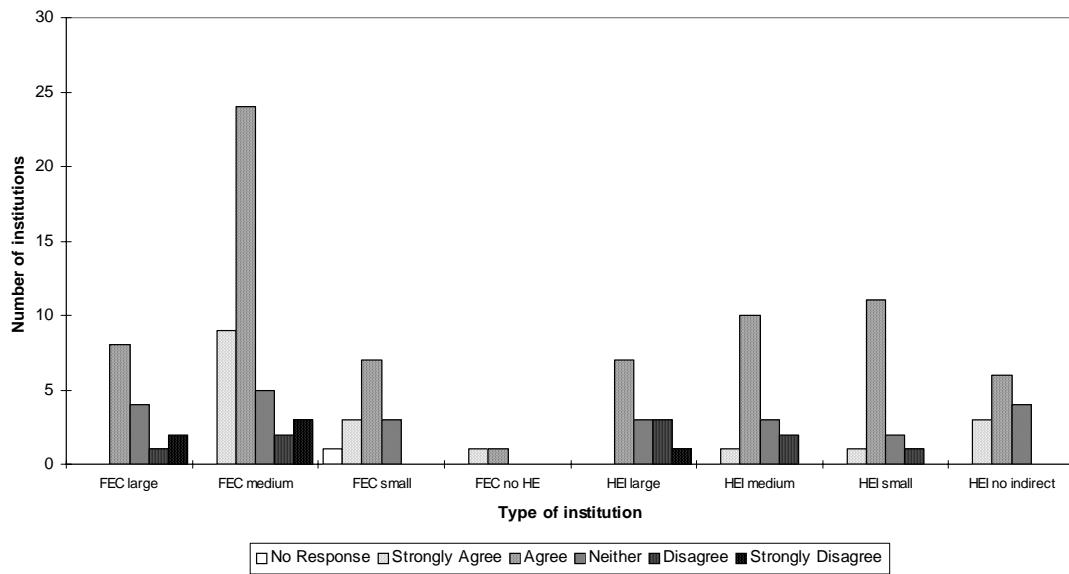


Table 10: Response to Question 6

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	0	0	8	53	4	27	1	7	2	13	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	9	21	24	56	5	12	2	5	3	7	43
FEC with small provision	1	7	3	21	7	50	3	21	0	0	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	1	50	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
All FECs	1	1	13	18	40	54	12	16	3	4	5	7	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	0	0	7	50	3	21	3	21	1	7	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	1	6	10	63	3	19	2	13	0	0	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	1	7	11	73	2	13	1	7	0	0	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	3	23	6	46	4	31	0	0	0	0	13
All HEIs	0	0	5	9	34	59	12	21	6	10	1	2	58
All higher education providers	1	1	18	14	74	56	24	18	9	7	6	5	132

Pattern of response Question 7

18. The majority (72 per cent) of all providers that responded to the consultation felt there are other barriers hindering production of transparent indirect funding agreements. More of the FECs with large or medium provision were, however, more likely to respond 'no' than HEIs with small or no indirect provision. In the former case, it was sometimes because they were in receipt of direct funding only and therefore did not feel it was appropriate or possible to express a view. This caveat applies to all the questions relating to indirect funding.

Figure 7: Response to Question 7 by category of institution

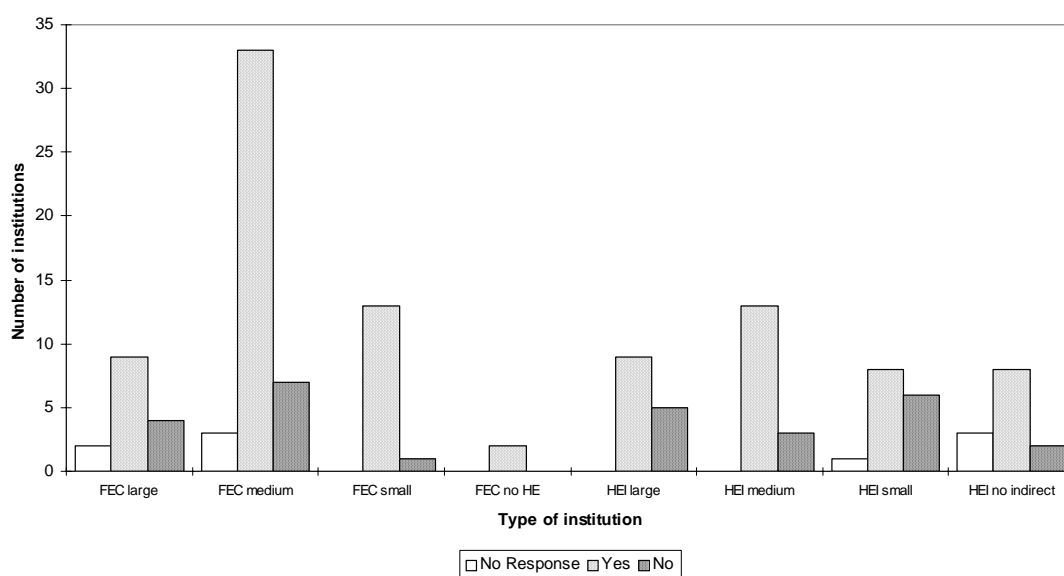


Table 11: Response to Question 7

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	2	13	9	60	4	27	15
FEC with medium provision	3	7	33	77	7	16	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	13	93	1	8	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	2	100	0	0	2
All FECs	5	7	57	77	12	16	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	9	64	5	36	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	13	81	3	19	16
HEI with small indirect provision	1	7	8	53	6	40	15
HEI with no indirect provision	3	23	8	62	2	15	13
All HEIs	4	7	38	66	16	28	58
All higher education providers	9	7	95	72	28	21	132

Pattern of response Question 8

19. Evidence from the Association for Collaborative Provision summative response (see Annex B) on the consultation and internal evidence from the content of the comments made in responses suggest that respondents were not always clear about the nature and specificity of HEFCE funded consortium arrangements (as opposed to other partnerships, including franchise). This casts doubt on the validity of the quantitative responses.

20. Having said this, the response pattern indicates a clear majority (72 per cent) in agreement with indirect funding arrangements reflecting those of the code of practice for consortia, with FECs more likely to agree (78 per cent compared with 64 per cent for HEIs).

21. However, within the FECs, the opposition to the proposal that all indirect arrangements should reflect the code of practice for consortia came from the largest and the medium providers with the largest providers proportionally least in favour.

Figure 8: **Response to Question 8 by category of institution**

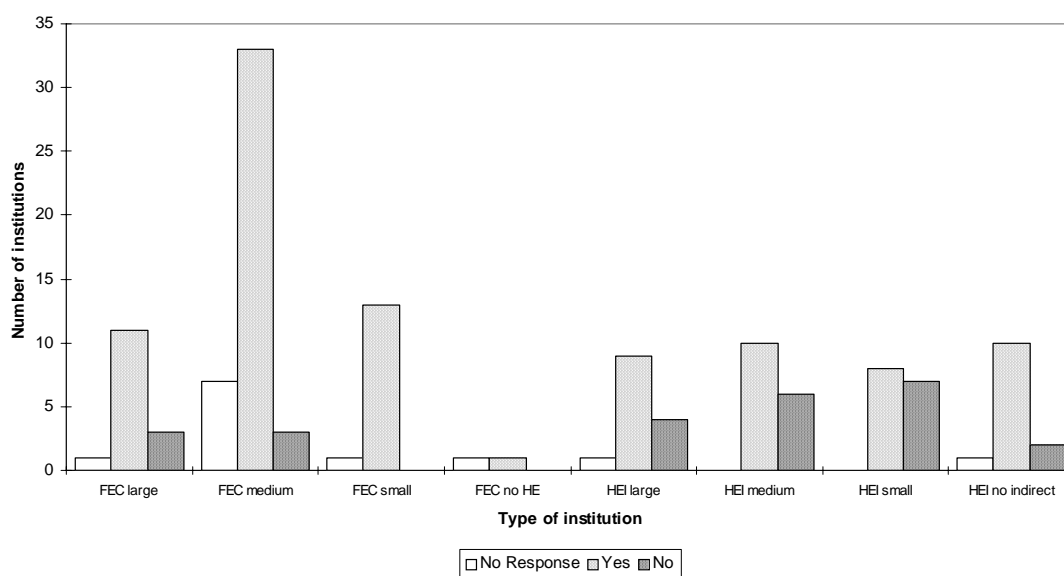


Table 12: Response to Question 8

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	1	7	11	73	3	20	15
FEC with medium provision	7	16	33	77	3	7	43
FEC with small provision	1	7	13	93	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	1	50	1	50	0	0	2
All FECs	10	14	58	78	6	8	74
HEI with large indirect provision	1	7	9	64	4	29	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	10	63	6	38	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	8	53	7	47	15
HEI with no indirect provision	1	8	10	77	2	15	13
All HEIs	2	3	37	64	19	33	58
All higher education providers	12	9	95	72	25	19	132

Pattern of response Question 9

22. Again the great majority (83 per cent) of providers that responded to the consultation agreed that returns should be made by the lead institution. There was little difference between FECs and HEIs, other than the higher FEC non response rate (see above).

Figure 9: Response to Question 9 by category of institution

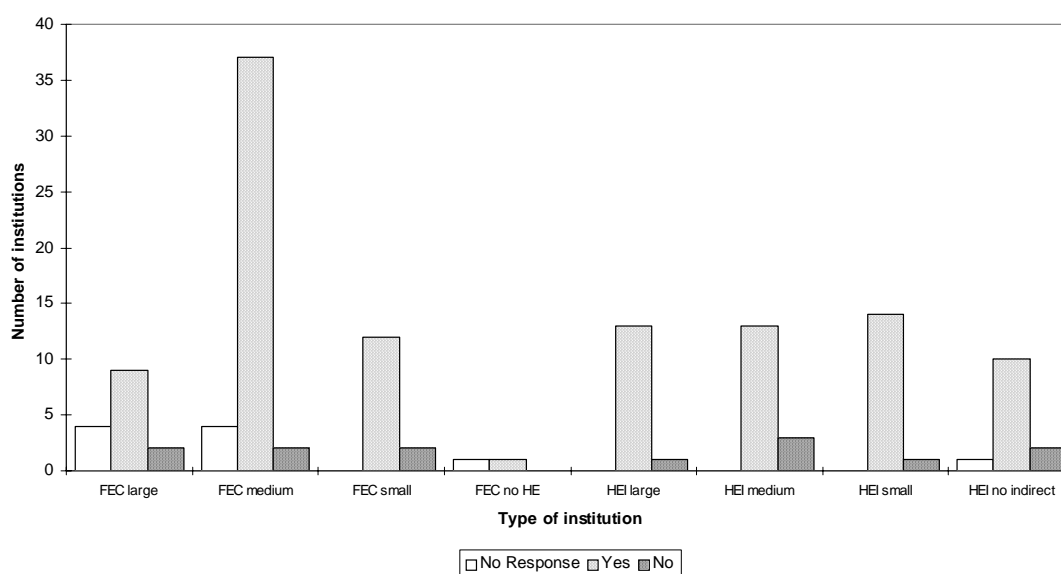


Table 13: Response to Question 9

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	4	27	9	60	2	13	15
FEC with medium provision	4	9	37	86	2	5	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	12	86	2	14	14
FEC with no provision	1	50	1	50	0	0	2
All FECs	9	12	59	80	6	8	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	13	93	1	7	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	13	81	3	19	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	14	93	1	7	15
HEI with no indirect provision	1	8	10	77	2	15	13
All HEIs	1	2	50	86	7	12	58
All higher education providers	10	8	109	83	13	10	132

Pattern of response Question 10

23. The great majority (82 per cent) of providers responding to the consultation agreed, but more FECs did so (86 per cent) than HEIs (76 per cent), with, again, more FECs not responding.

Figure 10: Response to Question 10 by category of institution

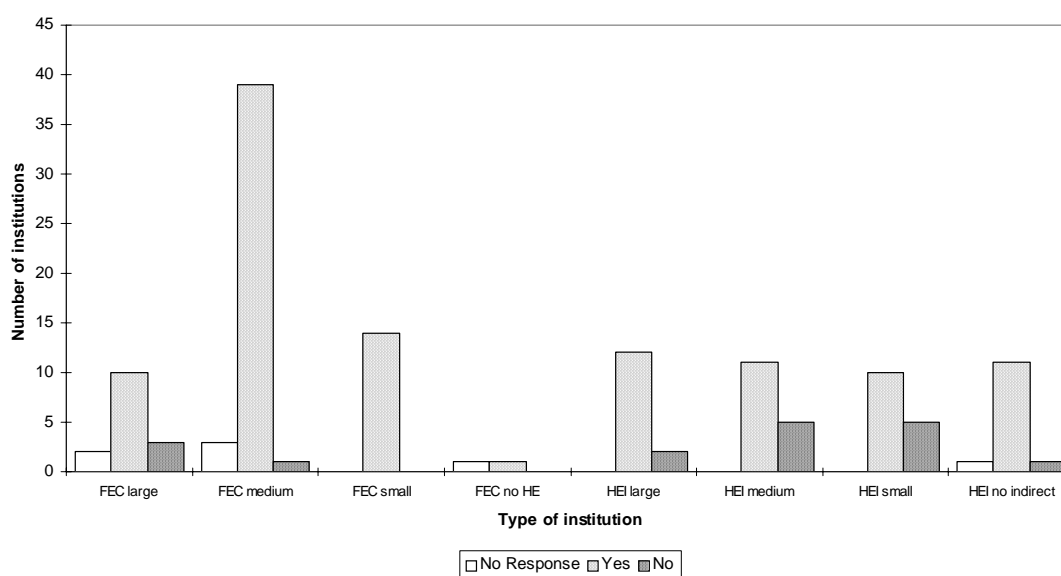


Table 14: Response to Question 10

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	2	13	10	67	3	20	15
FEC with medium provision	3	7	39	91	1	2	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	14	100	0	0	14
FEC with no provision	1	50	1	50	0	0	2
All FECs	6	8	64	86	4	5	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	12	86	2	14	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	11	69	5	31	16
HEI with small indirect provision	0	0	10	67	5	33	15
HEI with no indirect provision	1	8	11	85	1	8	13
All HEIs	1	2	44	76	13	22	58
All higher education providers	7	5	108	82	17	13	132

Pattern of response Question 11

24. Just over a half of providers that responded felt that there were other measures to be adopted (55 per cent). FECs were marginally more likely to agree (59 per cent) than HEIs (50 per cent). FECs with large and medium size provision were significantly more likely not to respond, as too, were HEIs with no indirect provision.

Figure 11: Response to Question 11 by category of institution

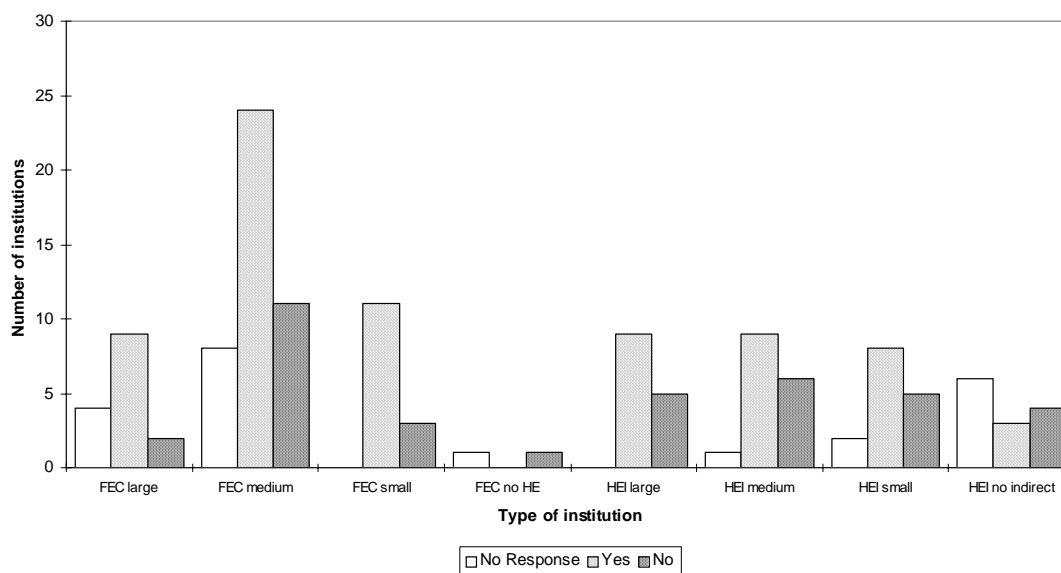


Table 15: Response to Question 11

Institution type	Non response		Yes		No		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
	FEC with large provision	4	27	9	60	2	
FEC with medium provision	8	19	24	56	11	26	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	11	79	3	21	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	1	50	1	50	2
All FECs	13	18	44	59	17	23	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	9	64	5	36	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	1	6	9	56	6	38	16
HEI with small indirect provision	2	13	8	53	5	33	15
HEI with no indirect provision	6	46	3	23	4	31	13
All HEIs	9	16	29	50	20	35	58
All higher education providers	22	17	73	55	37	28	132

Pattern of response Question 12

25. About half of all providers that responded (51 per cent) disagreed with this proposal with little difference between FECs and HEIs except that more FECs (15 per cent) agreed strongly. However, within the FECs, there was a marked difference in the pattern of response of large providers (54 per cent in favour) and medium and small providers (only 39 per cent and 36 per cent in agreement respectively). Amongst HEIs, a variable pattern is also evident, with the HEIs with the largest indirect provision being least in favour of the proposal.

Figure 12: Response to Question 12 by category of institution

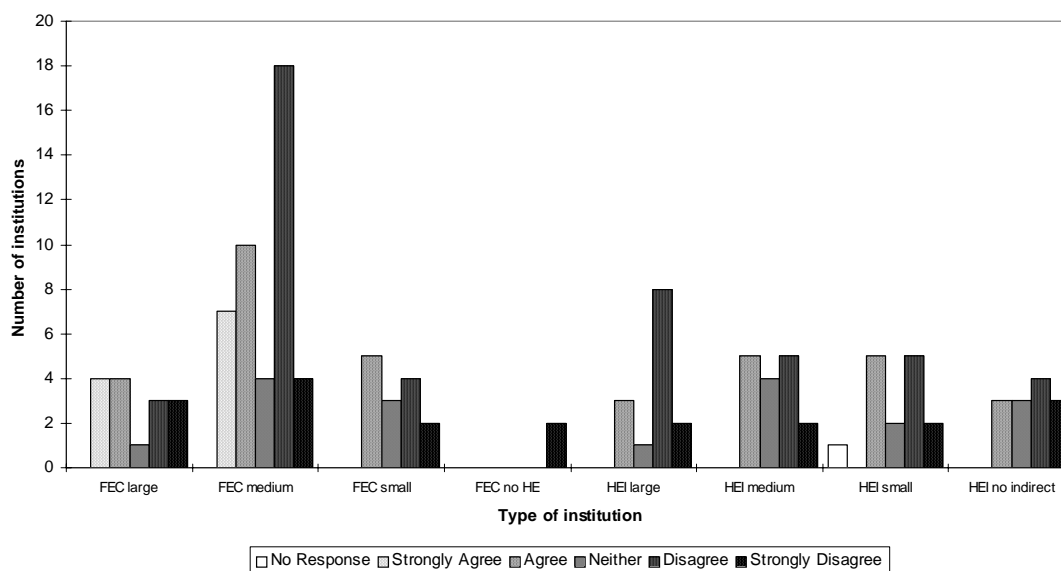


Table 16: **Response to Question 12**

Institution type	Non response		Agree strongly		Agree		Neither agree nor disagree		Disagree		Disagree strongly		Total responses
	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	no.	%	
FEC with large provision	0	0	4	27	4	27	1	7	3	20	3	20	15
FEC with medium provision	0	0	7	16	10	23	4	9	18	42	4	9	43
FEC with small provision	0	0	0	0	5	36	3	21	4	29	2	14	14
FEC with no provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	2
All FECs	0	0	11	15	19	26	8	11	25	34	11	15	74
HEI with large indirect provision	0	0	0	0	3	21	1	7	8	57	2	14	14
HEI with medium indirect provision	0	0	0	0	5	31	4	25	5	31	2	14	16
HEI with small indirect provision	1	7	0	0	5	33	2	13	5	33	2	13	15
HEI with no indirect provision	0	0	0	0	3	23	3	21	4	31	3	21	13
All HEIs	1	2	0	0	16	28	10	17	22	38	9	10	58
All higher education providers	1	1	11	8	35	27	18	14	47	36	20	15	132