

In the 2009 calendar year CLG completed 50 consultations, 45 of which were formal public consultations, and 5 informal or technical consultations. A breakdown of all consultations, and their duration, for the 2009 calendar year is given below:

Of the 45 formal public consultations:

- 12 had consultation periods shorter than 12 weeks
- 32 had consultation periods of 12 weeks or more
- 1 had two deadlines, one which was shorter than 12 weeks and one which was longer than 12 weeks (the shorter deadline related to 2 questions in the consultation document, with the remaining questions observing the longer duration. This shorter period was used for these questions to meet a statutory deadline in relation to the policy being consulted on).

Of the 5 informal or technical consultations:

- 3 had a consultation period of shorter than 12 weeks
- 2 had a consultation period of more than 12 weeks

Please note that while informal or technical consultations are available to the general public, these consultations invite certain groups or organisations to respond to technical or sector specific issues. As such, these consultations are not governed by the Code of Practice on Public Consultations. Public consultation is not considered to extend to direct informal engagement with stakeholders. All information regarding CLG's consultations is available on the Departmental website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk>.