

**THE INSTITUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES****Research Assessment Exercise 2001****Key Decisions and Issues for Further Consultation  
Response by the Institution of Environmental Sciences**

- Question 62.** We would recommend the publication on Internet of part submissions only.
- Question 63.** We have no suggestions for change to the 69 units of assessment proposed for UOA's. We would, however, stress the need for a clear distinction between Environmental Studies and Earth Sciences as we believe this was not adequately made in the last exercise.

The Institution is concerned primarily with Environmental Studies. However, the environmental field is very broad and we encompass the following units also within our area of operation:

- Earth Sciences
- Biological Sciences (part)
- Built Environment
- Town & Country Planning
- Agriculture (part)

We would have interest in these areas, particularly in the context of collaborative research.

- Questions 64, 65 & 66.** These are not relevant to the Institution.

- Question 67.** Collaboration research is of particular interest to the Institution in view of our promotion of interdisciplinary work (and also, in certain cases, multi-disciplinary work) which is of particular relevance to environmental research. Submissions of collaborative research in this areas could well form the subject for assessment by specialised sub-panels.

- Question 68.** We have no comment on this question.

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