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Dear Ms Brock,

House of Commons Parliamentary Questions

You submitted four Parliamentary Questions (PQs) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The Secretary of State asked us to reply on his behalf as we are responsible for the grant of licences under the Gas Act 1986 and the Electricity Act 1989.

Below is the answer to each of your questions. We will arrange for this letter to be placed in the House of Commons library.

WQ220265: how many applications for (a) Electricity Supply Standard Licences (b) Gas Supply Standard Licences were submitted to Ofgem in (i) 2018, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2016 (iv) 2015 and (v) 2014.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Gas	29	41	43	50	28
Electricity	28	45	35	54	29

WQ220266: how and what proportion of applications for (a) Electricity Supply Standard Licences and (b) Gas Supply Standard Licences were granted by OFGEM in (i) 2018, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2015 and (v) 2014.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Gas	83% (24)	95% (39)	91% (39)	96% (48)	64% (18)
Electricity	82% (23)	76% (34)	123%*(43)	93% (50)	52% (15)

*a licence may not be granted in the same year as we receive the application.

WQ220267: how many and what proportion of applications for (a) Electricity Supply Standard Licences and (b) Gas Supply Standard Licences were refused by OFGEM in (i) 2018, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2015 and (v) 2014.

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WQ220268: how many of the (a) Electricity Supply Standard Licences and (b) Gas Supply Standard Licences that were granted by OFGEM in (i) 2018, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2016, (iv) 2015 and (v) 2014 remain active and continue to supply customers.

	In effect*
Gas	60
Electricity	60

*Excludes licences that we have revoked or where the company has been dissolved.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive