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Your Ref: HL120

Dear Lord Myners

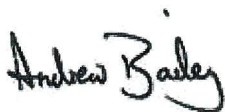
**RE: Parliamentary Question on the Authorisation of Collateral UK**

You have asked Her Majesty's Government "*whether when the FCA processed the FSMA full Part A application made by Collateral (UK) Limited on 23 March 2016, for which Collateral paid a fee of £1,500, whether it checked the information already contained in its Interim Permission file 656714; and whether it checked details on Collateral at Companies House and the date of Collateral's incorporation in respect of the date of grant of Interim Permission*". Your question has been transferred to us.

On receipt of the application from Collateral (UK) Limited on 23 March 2016 a number of automated checks were carried out consistent with the procedures at the time in respect of interim permission firms. One of the checks was on whether the company registration details supplied in the application for full authorisation corresponded with an entry on the Companies House Register. This check did not include when the company was incorporated.

In 2017 a staff member undertook a manual search of Companies House records and identified that Collateral (UK) Limited was incorporated on 17 November 2014, which is after the date the interim permission was granted. This and further checks on the Companies House Register enabled the FCA to ascertain that Collateral did not hold a valid interim permission.

I hope that this is helpful.



**Andrew Bailey**  
**Chief Executive**