

Rt Hon Matt Hancock  
*By email*

12 June 2024

Dear Rt Hon Matt Hancock,

**RE: Parliamentary Question - 27022**

Thank you for your question which was transferred to us from HM Treasury on 21 May.

You asked how many businesses the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulated (a) as of 20 May 2024 and (b) in 2016.

As of 20 May 2024, c.43,000 firms are regulated by the FCA. This number includes dual regulated firms such as UK banks, building societies or UK designated investment firms.



In the financial year 2016/2017, c.56,000 firms were regulated by the FCA.<sup>1</sup>

The total figure of regulated firms naturally fluctuates year-on-year as firms either join or leave the market. Changes to our remit and how we regulate can also affect the size of the regulated firm population, for example:

- Some firms based in the EEA gave up their rights to operate or provide financial products and services in the UK during the period between the end of the Brexit "transition period" and the end of the FCA's Temporary Permissions Regime on 31 December 2023.
- More problem firms who don't meet our minimum standards or are not using their regulatory permissions are having their permissions withdrawn as we pursue a more proactive approach. In 2022, we cancelled the authorisation of 627 firms who failed to meet our minimum standards or stopped being eligible for authorisation, an increase of 30% compared to 2021.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> [Business Plan 2016 / 17 \(fca.org.uk\)](https://www.fca.org.uk/business-plan/2016-17)