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Dear Mr Egan,

You previously assisted the Economic Affairs Committee by providing evidence for the Committee's inquiry *The Economic Impact on UK Energy Policy of Shale Gas and Oil*, published in May 2014.

In the report the Committee concluded that the UK regulatory framework for onshore exploration was "unnecessarily complicated" and made a number of recommendations to reduce its complexity and increase transparency. The Government has since responded to the Committee's report, saying that they have sought opportunities to simplify regulation and speed up the processing. The full Government response can be found on the Committee's website.<sup>1</sup>

The House of Lords will soon be debating the Committee's report. I would be grateful for information on the following questions:

1. At the time of the report, the Committee understood that Cuadrilla had withdrawn its environmental permit applications and was expecting to submit new ones later in 2014. Have you submitted new applications?
2. How many applications for environmental permits and planning permissions have been made?

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/economic-affairs/EnergyPolicy/Gov-response-shale-report.pdf>

3. When do you expect to receive decisions on the applications?

I would be particularly interested in any developments or improvements that have been made to the planning and permitting process since you discussed the matter with the Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hollick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

(Hollick)  
Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee