

Siobhain McDonagh MP  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

Email: Rob.Salter-Church@ofgem.gov.uk

Date: 13 March 2018

Dear Ms McDonagh

**Oral evidence to the Domestic Gas and Electricity (Tariff Cap) Public Bill Committee**

Thank you for inviting Dermot Nolan and I to give evidence to the Public Bill Committee today. I hope the Committee found our contribution helpful for its consideration of the Bill.

In response to a question from Dr Alan Whitehead MP about the timescales for the implementation of the price cap following Royal Assent, I explained that Ofgem was committed to implementing it as soon as possible, and within five months of the Bill receiving Royal Assent.

In explaining the various stages between Royal Assent and the cap coming into force, I believe I also said that following Royal Assent we would issue a statutory consultation and consult for a period of eight weeks. I wanted to clarify that clause 4(3) of the Bill requires Ofgem to consult for a period of not less than 28 days – and that we will seek to undertake this consultation as quickly as possible, consistent with our obligations in the Bill.

As Dermot and I explained to the Committee, we remain absolutely committed to implementing the price cap as soon as possible after Royal Assent. I hope this clarification is helpful – and I would be grateful if you could make it available to the other members of the Committee. Of course, if I can be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,



**Rob Salter-Church**  
**Interim Senior Partner, Consumers and Competition**

Cc: Dr Alan Whitehead MP