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*Der Mr Wishart,*

*To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, how many community radio licences (a) were awarded and (b) ended in each month of the last five years.  
[310719]*

I am writing in response to your question (above) to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport tabled on 12 January 2010. It has been forwarded to Ofcom for a reply as the independent regulator for the UK communications industry.

Please find enclosed a table showing the requested information. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact us.



**Ed Richards**

PQ 310719 - Table of Community Radio Licences

How many community radio licences were (a) awarded and (b) ended in each month of the last five years.

	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	Awarded	Ended	Awarded	Ended	Awarded	Ended	Awarded	Ended	Awarded	Ended	Awarded	Ended
January			1		2		3					
February			21		6	2	4	1	4			
March	1		9		7		6		4			
April	4		6				4		3			
May			8		6	1	5		3	2		
June	15				5		3	1	4			
July					7		4	2	3			
August												
September	10				4		1	2	5			
October	18				4				1			1**
November	7				1		2					
December	7				6				1	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14**</b>

**a) Licences Awarded**

Round 1 awards from March 2005 to May 2006 107

Round 2 awards from January 2007 ongoing 108

Total 215

**b) Licences Ended**

Licences/Licence offers handed back/revoked\* 15 (11 from Round 1 awards and 4 from Round 2 awards)

\* 9 stations did not take up the licence offer and launch. 6 stations launched and then ceased broadcasting

\*\* 15 licences are due to expire (end of 5 year licence period) in 2010