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Annual reports on the operation of the electricity and gas licensing schemes and licensees' compliance with the schemes

The *Electricity Industry Act 2004* and *Energy Coordination Act 1994* require the Economic Regulation Authority to report annually to the Minister for Energy on the operation of the electricity and gas licensing schemes and licensees' compliance with each scheme.

The ERA has provided the reports on the <u>electricity licensing scheme</u> and <u>gas licensing</u> <u>scheme</u> for 2018/19 to the Minister.

The reports:

- identify opportunities for beneficial reform of the licensing schemes
- provide an overview of the ERA's licensing activities during the year
- present data on the ERA's annual costs to carry out its licensing functions
- provide an overview of licensees' compliance with the schemes during the year.

The ERA's recommendations include merging the three regulatory instruments that provide protections to electricity and gas customers into a single energy code. Customers should receive the same protections and information, regardless of whether they are receiving gas or electricity services.

Further information

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