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Information request:

Can you please provide the number of patents fully entered into register of patents, and lapsed patents expressed as a time series?

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We only hold data for lapsed patents from 1988, when our first electronic database was introduced. The attached table gives figures of patents granted and lapsed during each year from (May) 1988 to end of 2018. These figures are for GB patents and do not include European patents that are valid in the UK.

Prior to 1988 the paper records only record grants, but if you are interested we can provide you with grant figures only from the 1960s or earlier.