

# UW response to Ofwat's 13 September 2013 information request: Sewer flooding and transferred private sewers

## 1. Sewer Flooding

	Line Description	Units	DPs	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
1	Total 1 in 10 and 2 in 10 properties on the register at end of year	nr	0	913	965	921	903
2a	Added because of better information (actually flooded)	nr	0	40	118	70	59
2b	Added because of better information (modelled)	nr	0	23	87	44	37
3	Removed because of better information	nr	0	17	26	16	18
4	Removed by company action	nr	0	120	127	142	96

The table above has been adapted to show properties "added because of better information" split between those actually flooded, and those modelled to be at risk of flooding. This allows reconciliation between the annual 2 in 10 and 1 in 10 register totals consistent with the methodology adopted for June Return reporting.

Forecasts for 2013/14 and 2014/15 better information additions are not made separately for actual and modelled additions. Accordingly, the forecast has been split between these two categories on the basis of the historic ratio observed in 2011/12 to 2012/13.

The cumulative AMP5 position (actual and forecast) indicates that we are currently on track to deliver the FD09 sewer flooding outputs for 'net reduction in properties on the internal 2 in 10 and 1 in 10 registers' and the 'total number of internal hydraulic (2 in 10 and 1 in 10) flooding problems to be solved by capital solutions'.

## 2. Transferred Private Sewers

The capital and operating expenditure reported in lines 1 to 4 is an allocation of total wastewater network costs based upon the relative proportions of work undertaken on existing and transferred assets. We do not believe that there has been a noticeable increase in activity on our existing network as a result of the private sewers transfer. As such there are no associated additional costs reported in lines 1 – 4 of Table 5.

As set out in our commentary accompanying Table 5 of the August Data Submission, since the transfer we have focused on the implementation of our new operating model to ensure that customers receive the same levels of service for incidents and events, whether they relate to existing or transferred assets. The operating model allows us to account for the costs associated with private sewers activity more accurately based upon operational, remedial or enhancement activities undertaken.

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Note: Please see written response for properties added for better information (modelled) to reconcile with the June Return methodology for line 1 register position