

Freedom of Information/EIR Refusal (PIT)

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By email

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Environmental Information Regulations -Request for Information

Reference: EIR 40042016

Dear 

Further to your request for information I can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested, however the information you requested is currently being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The exemption applied is Section 22, Information Intended for Future Publication.

This exemption applies because Ofwat is currently compiling the latest figures in association with the water companies and the final figures are not yet available for disclosure. We intend to have this data early May and we will write to inform you of how the information can be accessed and advise you if any information is withheld. If any information is withheld we will also inform you of any relevant exemption at that time and for what reason.

We therefore deem this exemption engaged.

Public Interest Test

As this exemption is a Qualified exemption it is subject to the public interest test.

There is a clear public interest in disclosing information that helps the public to understand the way a public authority works. Ofwat considers that working with a wide range of stakeholders enhances its provision of regulating the industry and

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moving the industry forward to meet future challenges, as well as enhancing its statutory functions to the public. As data checks are still in progress Ofwat would not wish to disclose inaccurate or misleading information. It is considered that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, please contact:

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If you are not happy with the outcome of that review you can ask the Information Commissioner's Office to consider your complaint. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision unless you have exhausted Ofwat's complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/>

or

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Yours sincerely

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