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By email

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) /Environmental Information  
Regulations (EIR) 2004- Request For Information

Reference: FOI 134112016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email in which you request information concerning operational expenditure costs of the industry.

Ofwat confirms it does hold some of the information requested.

We published a comparative report 'Financial performance and expenditure report' annually. The last one covered 2009-10 and this can be found at the following link at our archived website

[http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20101214234253/http://ofwat.gov.uk/regulating/reporting/rpt\\_fpe\\_2009-10](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20101214234253/http://ofwat.gov.uk/regulating/reporting/rpt_fpe_2009-10).

Prior to the 2009-2010 report the archived website has reports up to and including 2007-08 report at the following link: [Financial performance and expenditure of the water companies in England and Wales: 2007-08](#)

For your information Operating expenditure is covered in section 2 of the 'Financial performance and expenditure report'. It gives the industry total operating expenditure figure in report year prices.

The 2009-10 report states a figure of £3.651 billion in 2009-10 prices. Please note that to compare this with the £2.9 billion in 2001-02 prices both values need to be

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stated in the same price terms. The appropriate inflation measure to use is the financial year average RPI.

As explained on the Performance page of our website, the source of more recent years' information is the annual performance report which the companies are required to publish. Operating costs are reported in pro-forma 1A of the annual performance report.

I hope this helps you with your research.

If you have any queries or concerns with regard to the content of this email please do contact me, quoting the reference number.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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