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By email

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Freedom of Information request –Request For Information

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information. I write to confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Ofwat as explained in the text below.

The economic regulatory framework for water services is UK, rather than EU based. Therefore we are currently not expecting Brexit in and of itself to prompt any significant changes to the underlying legal framework for the sector. Our independent economic regulatory regime provides certainty for the water sector and our long-term vision for the sector, which is rooted in trust and confidence in water and waste water services, continues. Given this, Ofwat does not have a 'contingency plan' as such in the event of 'no deal' on Brexit. However, we will continue to carefully monitor and assess what consequences, if any, Brexit may have. We would also note that as a non-ministerial department, and a non-Whitehall department, we do not think that we fall within the category referred to by Mr Fox.

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or

The Information Commissioner's Office

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Yours sincerely,

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