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By email

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Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 - Request For Information

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Dear 

Thank you for your request for information concerning price controls and financial models.

Ofwat confirms it does hold some of the information requested, however most of the information you are requesting is publicly available via the Ofwat archive website held at The National Archives (TNA) at the following link

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/regulated-companies/price-review/previous-price-reviews/>

Ofwat did not undertake a Price Review in 1989 at privatisation, therefore the first price review was in 1994 and the link provides information through until 2009. I have not included information concerning PR 2014 as you have confirmed you have access to this already.

Ofwat's website also contains a link to the consultation on the draft methodology at this link <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/regulated-companies/price-review/previous-price-reviews/>

Further information is exempt under S22 of the FOIA- **Information held with a view to future publication**. Ofwat's final methodology statement for PR19 is due to be published this month.

Public Interest Test

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption it is subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT).

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 moving the industry forward to meet future challenges, as well as enhancing its

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statutory functions to the public. Nonetheless, stakeholders also benefit from the orderly release of information and can be reasonably expect to be treated fairly and consistently. These considerations suggest that early disclosure would not be appropriate and could be unfair to other stakeholders. After due consideration we feel it is the correct and proper decision to manage the planning and control of this publication to ensure that our integrity and reputation is maintained with all our stakeholders.

It is considered that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it and that therefore the information is exempt from release at this time.

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