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By email

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

Reference: **FOI 202002019**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for the following information:

'There were 29 statutory water companies between 1974 and 1989. There was an annual publication from the WSA 'Waterfacts' which covered them, but again the coverage was not comprehensive and the publication did not come out each year. e.g. Water Services Association (1992), 'Waterfacts 1992', Public Water Services Association, London.

We would like to know if the Ofwat library holds copies of these annual reports and if so, which ones and how far back? (A former Ofwat colleague believes there are some in the library). If there are any copies, would we be able to access them?'

I can confirm that Ofwat does hold some of this information but only as scanned images from the period 1985-2000 on one of our network drives. As this publication was created by a predecessor of Water UK I would recommend that you contact them to ask if they hold the information you require, or to ask for permission for us to share the images we hold with you for the purposes you outlined in your email.

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