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By email

4th May 2020

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

Reference: **FOI 202003046**

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for the following information:

'Please supply the average amount paid by UK Households yearly from 1973.'

I can confirm that Ofwat holds some of this information and has provided it in full.

Please note that this data was only collected by Ofwat from 1990 following Ofwat's appointment as the Water Services Regulation Authority.

Details about household bills from 2016/17-2020/21 are available from the Discoverwater website available here <https://discoverwater.co.uk/annual-bill>.

I have located the earlier information for you from 1975 from a Water UK publication called 'Waterfacts'. Ofwat cannot vouch entirely for the accuracy of these figures, however they have been used and quoted widely and are considered to be the most accurate measure available.

You will see in the table attached that there are a number of caveats to bear in mind. Ofwat has changed the way that it collects data over the years, companies have merged or changed in size so like for like comparisons can be difficult.

Please also note that the figures supplied are for England and Wales only as Ofwat does not have jurisdiction for Scotland. Enquiries relating to Scottish household bills should be directed to:

Water Industry Commission for Scotland
First Floor
Moray House

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Stirling
FK8 1QZ

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