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By email

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for the following information.

Could you please tell me how Ofwat is financed. Is it correct to state that Ofwat is financed from licence fees paid by Water Companies?

We are primarily resourced by licence fees. Licence fees are charged to companies that we regulate in the water and wastewater sectors. The licence fees levied in relation to monopoly companies are subject to a cap governed by Condition N of statutory undertakers' Instruments of Appointment under the Water Industry Act 1991. Additional licence fees are payable by certain companies for specific work on the Thames Tideway Tunnel project, which had its own cap in this financial year, and a licence fee is paid by water supply and sewerage licensees.

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Yours sincerely,

Ofwat's Information Governance Team