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By email

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Freedom of Information Act - Request For Information

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information concerning Ofwat funding and expenditure.

Your request has now been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information you have requested can be found in Ofwats annual reports and accounts. The information contained within the reports details how we are funded and includes staffing and consultancy costs.

2015-2016 & 2016-2017 can be found at this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-services-regulation-authority-ofwat-annual-report-and-accounts-2016-to-2017>

Since privatisation of the water industry in 1989 Ofwat is funded by license fees and further details can be found in our five year business plan at the following link:

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/five-year-business-plan-2016-17-2020-21/>

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Annual accounts from 2000-2008 are now archived on the National Archives Site at this link:

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<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20121107173848/http://www.ofwat.gov.uk/legacy/aptrix/ofwat/publish.nsf/Content/navigation-publications-aboutofwat-resourceaccounts.html>

Accounts for 2009 – 2014 can be located at the relevant links below:

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/annual-report-2009-10/>

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/annual-report-and-accounts-2010-11/>

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/annual-report-and-accounts-2012-13/>

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/water-services-regulation-authority-ofwat-2013-2014/>

We do not hold annual reports prior to 2000 but these will have been submitted as a permanent record to the Houses of Parliament and British Libraries.

Further information on Ofwat spending can be found in our Publication Scheme at this link: <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/foi/our-spending/>

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, please contact:

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<https://ico.org.uk/>

or

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely,

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