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By email

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

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for the following information.

I have just read an article on the BBC website, regarding the cost of replacing aging waterworks and subsequent waste water leaks into the rivers. The biggest mistake this country ever made was the privatisation of public services and utilities. I would like to know, through the freedom of information act, how much has been paid in bonuses to all water companies executives since privatisation, and similarly how much has been paid in dividends. My guess is, it would be enough to update our aging water systems, AND allow the consumers bills to be less! Unless you can return the water companies to public ownership and remove the greedy shareholders and executives, we will see great problems not being solved.

And more costs to the consumer. The water companies have no interest in fixing the problems, their only concern is making money. It is wrong on every level.

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 is publicly available.

Water companies publish details of their dividends paid in their Annual performance reports and in their statutory accounts which is available at [Companies House](#). We do hold a record of historic dividends paid by water companies.

Water companies are also required to publish information on the salaries paid to their directors.

We do not hold any additional information on bonuses paid beyond that which is in companies statutory accounts which is publicly available.

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Further information concerning your rights is available from the Information Commissioner's Office at:
<https://ico.org.uk/>

or

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow

Yours sincerely,

Ofwat's Information Governance Team