



**Environment, Food
and Rural Affairs
Committee**

Tuesday 11 March 2025

David Black
Chief Executive, Ofwat
By email

Subject: Ofwat investigations into water companies in England and Wales

Dear David,

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee is currently conducting an inquiry into reforming the water sector. The iterative inquiry is first considering the performance, role and culture of water companies in England and Wales.

Ofwat provides regular reports evaluating the performance of water companies in England and Wales, and my Committee has drawn on these in much of our scrutiny work to date. We are grateful for these reports and for the support they have provided. It has presented a challenge, however, to access up to date and detailed information on ongoing investigations, and to track the status and outcomes of historic investigations.

As such, I would be grateful if you could set out in response to this letter:

- a list of all investigations opened by Ofwat into water companies since 2015;
- the status and target reporting date for those investigations that remain open;
- how much resource you are allocating to each ongoing investigation; and
- the outcome of those investigations which have concluded.

We would be grateful for your response by Friday 28 March. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Mr Alistair Carmichael MP
Chair, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee