



**Environment, Food
and Rural Affairs
Committee**

Tuesday 11 March 2025

Marcus Rink
Chief Inspector, Drinking Water Inspectorate
By email

Subject: Drinking Water Inspectorate investigations into water companies in England and Wales

Dear Marcus

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.

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) provides regular information on the performance of water companies in relation to the quality and accessibility of drinking water, and my Committee has drawn on this in much of our scrutiny work to date. We are grateful for your work and for the support it has 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 the Drinking Water Inspectorate 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