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WATER SUPPLY (FLUORIDATION INDEMNITIES REGULATION 2005)

Thank you for your request of 31 May 2024 for information on whether if HM Government has received any claims by or made payments to water companies under the Water Supply Fluoridation Indemnities regulation 2005. Your request has been handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Having conducted a thorough search of our records, I can confirm that we do not hold any information that falls within the scope of your request.

Your specific request has been reproduced in **Annex A** for your reference. **Annex B** sets out the steps you can take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request under the FOIA.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Officer

Annex A

Request for information about Water Supply Fluoridation Indemnities Regulation 2005 (Your request is in italics below)

Please treat this a formal request under current Freedom of Information regulations.

Can you please advise if His Majesty's Government has received any claims by or made any payments to water companies under the Water Supply (Fluoridation Indemnities) (England) Regulations 2005 since its inception. If so, please list same.

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The FOI and Correspondence Manager will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you can contact the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.