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Dear Fiona

As the Committee is aware, the Upper Tribunal's decision in the Fish Legal case was given in February. We understand that the deadline for appeals against that decision has now passed and we are not aware of any such appeal having been made.

We also understand that Water UK - which represents all major statutory water and wastewater service supply organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - has, with its members, instructed a firm to provide advice on the application of the environmental information regulations. We have been informed that this advice includes practical issues, such as how to organise internally to achieve compliance, the most common types of request and how companies might deal with them, and the question of what companies are permitted to charge for. Guidance should, we understand, be available by the end of this month. Water UK has raised the issue of the environmental information legislation with senior personnel at the companies they represent so that they are aware of its impact.

We would be happy to provide the Committee with further information on the steps being taken to address the Upper Tribunal's decision, if required.

Regards
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