



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

29th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Wednesday 17 December 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Adam Smith Room (CR5).

1. **Scottish Water annual report 2013-14:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ronnie Mercer, Chairman, Douglas Millican, Chief Executive, Peter Farrer, Chief Operating Officer, and Johanna Dow, Business Stream Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Water.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda Item 1

Background note

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[Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14](#)

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Scottish Water

Background

1. In Scotland, drinking water and sewerage services are provided by Scottish Water, which is a publically owned company. Scottish Water operates within a regulatory framework which sees it accountable to Scottish ministers who are in turn accountable to the Scottish Parliament.

2. Scottish Water's [Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14](#) states that it supplies drinking water and waste water services to 2.45 million households and 154,000 business premises in Scotland as well as being responsible for 29,892 miles of water pipes, 31,109 miles of sewer pipes, 1836 waste water treatment works and 256 water treatment works. Scottish Water is also responsible for delivering a major water and waste water infrastructure investment programme as defined by Scottish Ministers within funding limits set by the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

3. Scottish Water provides wholesale water and waste water services to all licensed water and sewerage service providers. One of these licensed service providers is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scottish Water, Business Stream, which competes with the other providers for water and waste water services to business customers.

4. As well as Business Stream, Scottish Water's other main subsidiaries are:

- *Scottish Water Horizons*, which offers non-regulated services such as recycling waste and the design and construction of water and sewage infrastructure for housing and business developments; and
- *Scottish Water International*, which was established in 2012 to offer products and specialist consultancy services to utilities, foreign governments and other international clients.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee consideration

5. As Scottish Water comes under the remit of the Committee, the purpose of this session is to take evidence from Scottish Water representatives on its performance over the 12 months covered by its Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14.

6. Following the publication of the final determination of charges for water and sewerage services for the period 2015-21 which was published by the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (WICS) on 20 November 2014, the Committee will also take the opportunity to question Scottish Water on any

implications this may have for its business plan for the delivery of services during that period.

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