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### 20200117 SRWR (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2020

#### Overview

General Comments	
Detailed Response	
Specific Comments	
We intend to revoke and replace the current Regulation to increase the target	

Yes

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changed as proposed?

Please provide any relevant information you feel important for future exercises.

cost used to calculate the fees paid by users of the register. The proposed target cost amount for the 2020/21 financial year is £911,000. We also intend to return to a 60 day payment period following a temporary move to a 30 day

period in 2019/20. Should the amendments for the 2020/21 financial year be

The Scottish Road Works Register (the Register) is an effective tool that manages the coordination of road works in Scotland. While the overall costs of funding the Register are cost effective, Scottish Water believes that the methodology for splitting this between users of the Register must be reviewed. This is covered in Sections 3 (5) and 3 (6) which detail the methodology for calculating the amount payable by road works authorities and relevant undertakers. The current calculation takes a very narrow view of the use of the Register that looks only at specific notice types and does not reflect the way in which the Register has been developed over a number of years. For example, the calculation takes no account of the Licences and Permissions module that is used solely by Road Works Authorities to record permissions under the Road (Scotland) Act 1984 and S109 of NRSWA for which a fee is paid to Road Works Authorities. Continuation of the current methodology may also encourage lack of correct noticing of works by increasing fees where more works are noticed. The purpose of a review will be to ensure that the amount paid by road works authorities and undertakers is an accurate and fair reflection of the use of the Register. Scottish Water would support a working group through RAUCs to identify alternative methodologies.

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