

**Question for written answer P-008827/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Water Framework Directive obligations regarding water charges

The Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC) requires that each user must bear the cost of consuming water, and that adequate water pricing for usage must act as an incentive for the sustainable use of water resources in order to achieve the directive's environmental objectives.

Under the directive, Member States are required to ensure that the price charged to water consumers, both domestic and non-domestic, for the abstraction and distribution of fresh water and the collection and treatment of waste water reflects the true costs. The directive allows for Member States to take account of the social, environmental and economic effects of water usage in recovering the costs of water services.

1. Will the Commission describe the various schemes, or methods, allowed to Member States to comply with the legal obligation under the Water Framework Directive to recover the cost of water services?
2. Can the Commission also specify if cost recovery for domestic users must be linked to individual consumption?