



Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

2003 asp 3

PART 1

PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

CHAPTER 3

MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT

23 Fixing of charges for water services

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make such provision for or in connection with the fixing of charges for the provision of water services as they consider necessary or expedient for the purposes of protection of the water environment.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision for securing that, in the fixing of such charges, account is taken of such principles, objectives or other matters as are specified in the regulations.
- (3) Before making any regulations under subsection (1), the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they think fit.
- (4) In this section, “water services” means services which provide, for households, public institutions or any economic activity—
 - (a) abstraction (as defined in section 20(6)), impoundment, storage, treatment and distribution of surface water or groundwater,
 - (b) waste-water collection and treatment facilities which subsequently discharge into surface water.

Commencement Information

II S. 23 in force at 21.9.2013 by [S.S.I. 2013/252](#), [art. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003, Section 23 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 31 January 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 23(4)(a) words repealed by [2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8\(6\)\(a\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 23(5) inserted by [2014 asp 3 sch. 3 para. 8\(6\)\(b\)](#)