

Our Ref: 2018-044

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Subject: Money Laundering Cases

This request asked:

1. Please disclose the number of money laundering reports the SFO received in the calendar years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017;
2. Please disclose the number of money laundering prosecutions in the calendar years 2014 - 2017.

On Question One we are able to provide the statistics relating to reports made via the SFO's secure online portal which identify money laundering as the main alleged offence.

This is not a complete record of all referrals that might have involved an allegation of money laundering because a single referral might simultaneously relate to a number of different criminal offences but only be recorded on the SFO records system under the main offence category. (Our referrals data is only collected for internal monitoring purposes and not for official records purposes.)

The SFO receives reports on possible criminal activity, (in this case money laundering) from a variety of sources including law enforcement partners and suspicious activity reports as well as the on-line portal. Our Intelligence Unit also undertakes its own research and proactively develops information.

With those caveats, the information which we can provide is set out below.

On Questions One and Two please see the information provided on a calendar year basis:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total
Q1: Reports	6	62	25	19	112
Q2: Prosecutions	2	-	-	2	4