

Our Ref: 2019-055

Date: May 2019

Subject: Money Laundering

This request asked:

1. Please disclose the number of money laundering reports the SFO received in the calendar year ended 2018
2. Please disclose the number of money laundering prosecutions in the calendar year ended 2018

Our response:

1. The SFO has received a total of 41 referrals via the secure online reporting portal during the calendar year 2018.
2. There has been no money laundering prosecutions during the calendar year 2018.

In regards to question one we are only able to provide you with the statistics we hold relating to reports made via the Serious Fraud Office's (SFO) secure online portal which identify money laundering as the main alleged offence. This may not be a complete record of all referrals that have involved an allegation of money laundering. 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, including money laundering, from a variety of sources including law enforcement partners and suspicious activity reports as well as the SFO's on-line portal. Our Intelligence Unit also undertakes its own research and proactively gathers information.
