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**Subject: Number of SFO Investigations**

This request asked:

The number of Serious Fraud Office investigations between 2007 and 2018.

Our response:

The table below details the number of new criminal investigations opened by the Director in each of these years.

Calendar Year	Number of investigations opened (Criminal Investigations only) <sup>1</sup>
2007	19
2008	20
2009	15
2010	13
2011	9
2012	17
2013	10
2014	17
2015	11
2016	10
2017	11
2018	10

<sup>1</sup> The data provided in this table for the period 2007- 2012 has been collected from legacy systems and records and is now held on our central records system. However, you should note that this data has not been collated for any official statistics purposes and has not been subject to quality assurance. As such the Serious Fraud Office cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data in these years.

Please note that the Serious Fraud Office typically have around 70 live cases running in a normal calendar year. SFO cases are inherently complex and usually take much longer than other

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criminal cases to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute. It is therefore quite normal for our cases to take several years to be concluded.