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**Subject: Searches**

This request asked for information about the number of searches carried out by the SFO.

The table below shows the data held about search applications started, or searches carried out, in the SFO's core casework divisions since April 2010. The SFO conducts searches when its investigations require them. It is entirely normal for the volume of searches to fluctuate over time, particularly as the case load is composed of a small number of large cases.

<b>Time period</b>	<b>Number of applications/searches</b>
1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011	39
1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012	0
1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013	8
1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014	26
1 April 2014 – to date	7

The table below shows the number of searches carried out by the SFO's Proceeds of Crime Division.

<b>Time period</b>	<b>Number of applications/searches</b>
1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011	14
1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012	17
1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013	8
1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014	27
1 April 2014 – to date	0

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