

Our Ref: FOI2015-119

Date: April 2015

**Subject: Bribery Act (2010)**

This request asked about prosecutions under the Bribery Act.

To the date of this request, the SFO had initiated prosecutions against three individuals under the Bribery Act, with two having been convicted and one acquitted.

The Bribery Act came into force in July 2011, it is not retrospective: only alleged criminality occurring this date can be prosecuted under the Act. Given the time required to investigate complex cases and bring them to court a time lag is inevitable.

Information about the SFO's other cases is available on our website, and this includes information about prosecutions relating to the bribery of foreign officials. For instance, the trial of Smith and Ouzman Ltd and two employees, which included the first conviction, after trial, of a corporate for offences involving bribery of foreign public officials.

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