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Subject: Goods seized by Proceeds of Crime team

This enquiry asked for “the value of goods seized by the SFO’s Proceeds of Crime Unit and, for the last calendar year, the total value of items sold by them.”

The SFO’s Proceeds of Crime team is a division in the SFO headed by a Senior Civil Servant (it is referred to here as POCD for short).

POCD is able to seize items under sections 45 or when authorised by a court under sections 352 and 353 of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) 2002. Legal title remains with the original owner of such items and therefore the POCD cannot sell them.

During the last twelve months the POCD has not seized any items.

In the last financial year the amount distributed to the victims of crime by Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunals Service, as a result of work undertaken by the SFO, was £1,365,460.
