

Our Ref: FOI2016-060

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Subject: Bribery Act Offences

This request asked the following questions:

- 1) *How many cases were accepted by the director against individuals under the Bribery Act*
- 2) *How many cases were accepted by the director against companies under the Bribery Act*
- 3) *How many individuals have been charged by the SFO under the Bribery Act*
- 4) *How many companies have been charged by the SFO under the Bribery Act*

In each of the following financial years:

- i) 2011-12
- ii) 2012-13
- iii) 2013-14
- iv) 2014-15
- v) 2015-16

- 5) *How many Deferred Prosecution Agreements were entered into between the SFO and companies for offences under the Bribery Act.*

In each of the following financial years

- i) 2013-14
- ii) 2014-15
- iii) 2015-16

1,2) The legislation which gives the SFO power to investigate offences is the Criminal Justice Act 1987. Investigations are therefore not accepted under the Bribery Act. The SFO will follow the evidence, which, after investigation, may result in charges for Bribery Act offences.

3) The SFO has charged five individuals with Bribery Act offences; three in 2013/14 and two in 2015/16.

4) The SFO has charged two companies with Bribery Act offences, both in 2015/16.

5) The SFO has entered into one Deferred Prosecution Agreement (DPA). This was in the period 2015/16. The counterparty to the DPA was the subject of an indictment alleging a Bribery Act offence. The indictment has since been suspended in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions. More information about the DPA and key legal documents can be found on our website at:

<https://www.sfo.gov.uk/2015/11/30/sfo-agrees-first-uk-dpa-with-standard-bank/>.
