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Subject: Searches

This request asked for information about searches carried out by the SFO in the financial year 2015/16, including:

1. *The total number of searches carried out by the Proceeds of Crime Division (POCD) in order to gather evidence for a Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) investigation.*
2. *The total number of searches carried out by the Serious Fraud Office, not including the POCD at the investigation stage, for the purposes of gathering evidence.*

SFO records show that:

1. 4 searches were carried out by POCD in 2015/16.
 2. The number of searches, not including POCD, carried out by the SFO in 2015/16 was 14.
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