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Subject: Data handling

This request asked for information on data handling at the SFO.

The SFO pro-actively reports data incidents to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in line with ICO guidance which states that serious breaches of security connected to personal data should be reported.

During the period 1 June 2011 to 1 June 2016, the SFO reported one incident to the ICO (in 2013/14).

The SFO has a security incident management and reporting policy which covers all types of security incident including those relating to data protection. In line with guidance for government departments, the SFO provides additional information on data handling incidents in its annual reports.

You can find the number of non-reportable incidents each financial year under the heading 'data handling' or 'personal data related incidents' in the annual reports published at: <https://www.sfo.gov.uk/publications/corporate-information/annual-reports-accounts/>.

Three non-reportable incidents have occurred from the beginning of the 2016/17 financial year to 1 June 2016. Total figures for 2016/17 will be published in the end of year annual report.

The number of individuals disciplined for matters relating to personal data during the period 1 June 2011 to 1 June 2016 is under five.
