

Our Ref: FOI2017-014

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Subject: Overseas corruption

This request asked about allegations of bribery, committed by UK nationals abroad, that have been reported to the SFO.

The number of bribery/corruption allegations the SFO received from UK government staff contractors overseas in the past four years is as follows:

2016: 9
2015: 18
2014: 5*
2013 4*

*Data for these years was not compiled in the same way as in 2015 and 16, and is an estimate.

None of the referrals between 2013 and 2016 have led to prosecution. The SFO relies on a variety of sources for information but not every referral will be appropriate for the SFO to take further. The SFO was set up to investigate and prosecute only the most serious and complex of cases. More information on the SFO's casework threshold is available at:

<https://www.sfo.gov.uk/about-us/>.
