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Title: Offences relating to illegal streaming

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Information request:

I am writing to request statistics regarding the prosecution of illegal streaming/illegal streaming device-related offences in the United Kingdom for July 2016 to July 2017.

Please can you provide:

- 1) The number of arrests for illegal streaming and/or illegal streaming device offences made in the UK during this period.
- 2) The number of successful prosecutions resulting from said arrests during the same period.
- 3) The sentencing of those individuals successfully prosecuted.
- 4) The number of IPO staff dedicated on a full or part-time basis to pursuing illegal streaming-related crime in the UK in July 2016 compared to the present day (July 2017).

Information released:

Q.1) The IPO does not hold this information. While we are aware of many relevant cases, there is no central data collection for these offences.

Q.2) The IPO does not hold this information. Again, we are aware of certain cases, especially where the IPO has played a supporting role, but we do not have an aggregate record of all prosecutions.

Q.3) The IPO does not hold this information. As above, this information is not centrally collected.

Q.4) The UK IPO enforcement team currently consists of 23 people, split between policy staff and the IP Crime Intelligence Hub. The team consisted of 19 people in July 2016 (some staff work part time, so this equates to actual resource of 18.40 & 21.89 full time equivalents for July 2016 and July 2017 respectively).

Various members of staff spend part of their working time on illegal streaming issues and a wide range of other issues depending on current demand. We do not record hours worked against discrete topics, so cannot provide a meaningful number in response to this question.