

Reference: 2025-004

Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

1. **How many raids has the SFO instigated in the last three years? I would like this broken down by month, with a year-end 31st December 2024.**
2. **Of the raids launched in the last three years, how many officers were present at the raid? I would like this broken down by month, with a year-end 31st December 2024.**
3. **Of the raids launched in the last three years, what offences were being investigated? I would like this broken down by month, with a year-end 31st December 2024.**
4. **Of the raids launched in the last three years, which other agencies involved? I would like this broken down by month, with a year-end 31st December 2024.**

Response

You can find the latest information on our current cases and operational work here: [Find an SFO case - GOV.UK](#).

Our response to your questions:

Questions 1 & 3

I can confirm that the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) holds the information you have requested. However, this information is exempt by virtue of Section 31 of the FOIA.

Section 31(1) provides that:

Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice—

- (a) the prevention or detection of crime,*
- (b) the apprehension or prosecution of offenders,*
- (c) the administration of justice.*

How the exemption is engaged

We release information about our searches into the public domain, unless there is a reason not to via our public website. We cannot disclose information about every search or certain details, as this may compromise ongoing investigations. Therefore, this information is exempt from release under section 31 of the FOIA.

The public interest test

We acknowledge that there is public interest in understanding how the SFO investigates cases and spends public funds. We publish details of the searches we have conducted where this is possible. However, releasing all the requested information would likely prejudice the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension and prosecution of offenders and the administration of justice.

We therefore consider that the stronger public interest lies in maintaining the exemption at section 31(1) of the FOIA. The Information Commissioner has acknowledged that there is public interest in safeguarding the investigatory process and allowing a safe space for investigations to take place without the premature release of information. More information about the FOIA and its exemptions can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office's website at: [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#).

Questions 2 & 4

The SFO does not hold this information in this format.