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

1. Are staff within the department under a general instruction to use AI or Generative AI tools to assist your work?
2. Is your department currently using AI tools or Generative AI tools to assist your work? If so, what is your department's budget for (Gen) AI tools?
3. Has your department instructed the agencies and bodies working for your department to use AI as part of their work?
4. Can you name the AI tools that your department uses?
5. Does your department have an AI strategy?
6. If your department does not have an AI strategy, is it planning to have an AI strategy?

Response

Please see below our response to your questions in the order asked.

Question 1

SFO seeks to take advantage of the benefits of AI where appropriate. SFO's 2024-29 year strategy includes an objective to further develop SFO's use of machine-learning and AI.

Question 2

SFO is using machine learning to perform technology assisted document review. The SFO is not currently using generative AI tools and does not have a budget allocated to them.

Questions 3

No.

Question 4

SFO is using machine learning functionality embedded within the Axcelerate eDiscovery platform.

Question 5

AI use is an integral part of SFO's 2024-29 Strategy, which includes further developing SFO's use of machine-learning and AI.

Question 6

SFO does not currently have a stand-alone AI strategy.