

Reference: 2025-130

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

- 1. The total number of dawn raids conducted by the Serious Fraud Office between 1 January 2024 and the date of this request.**
- 2. If available, please provide a breakdown of these dawn raids by the primary offence under investigation (e.g., bribery, fraud, money laundering).**
- 3. Please also specify how many dawn raids in the relevant period were conducted solely by the Serious Fraud Office and how many were conducted in conjunction with other regulatory or law enforcement authorities (e.g., HMRC, FCA, NCA).**

Response

'Dawn raid' is not an operational term used by the SFO. We have therefore interpreted your request as relating to the number of search warrants executed, and have provided data on this basis below.

Question 1

The SFO executed 19 search warrants. Each search warrant relates to an individual location search by the SFO, which may include residential or commercial properties, other locations, and vehicles.

Question 2

Of the 19 search warrants executed, 12 related to fraud offence and 7 related to bribery and corruption offences.

Question 3

Pursuant to section 2(5) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, all search warrants obtained by the SFO must be executed by a constable. Members of the SFO may then accompany the constable(s) executing the warrant and exercise their powers of search and seizure (sections 2(6), 2(6A) and 2(7)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987).

All 19 searches referred to in this response were therefore conducted in conjunction with other law enforcement authorities.