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Dear Jean

Our Ref: FOIA 2012-16

Thank you for your request for an internal review about services rendered and revenue received by the police force. Your request was received on 14 April 2012.

In addition to your request for a review, you also asked whether the Serious Fraud Office investigates fraud, as well as frauds which are reported by the public.

I can confirm that the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) does investigate fraud. This can include frauds reported by members of the public. However, the SFO does not investigate all frauds. By law, the SFO can only investigate the most serious and complex frauds. Other frauds will be investigated and prosecuted by a range of organisations including, but not limited too, the Police, Trading Standards, Office of Fair Trading, Financial Services Authority, Department of Work and Pensions and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. Please visit the [case criteria](#) and [types of fraud](#) pages on our website for information on the cases we accept for investigations. Our website also contains details of the fraud cases that we have successfully investigated and prosecuted <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/press-room/latest-press-releases.aspx>

I have considered your request and reviewed the original response you were given on 14 March 2012. I have set out my response below.

The questions outlined in your request imply that the Serious Fraud Office is a police department. The Serious Fraud Office (SFO) is an independent government department that investigates and prosecutes serious or complex fraud, and corruption. We are part of the UK criminal justice system with jurisdiction in England, Wales and Northern Ireland but not in Scotland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

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However, we have considered whether we can answer your questions if 'force' is taken to mean 'SFO'. We may hold some data kept in case files and not in a format which allows analysis as you request without checking every case file. Therefore, considering your question in this way, we may not be able to reply without exceeding the appropriate cost limit. Under section 12(1) of the FOIA the appropriate limit specified for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 24 working hours determining if the department holds the information. This includes locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Please could you confirm if you would like the SFO to consider your request in this way.

If you would like any further information relating to allegations of fraud reported to our organisation, please may I ask you to further refine your questions with more relevance to the SFO, so that we may more clearly understand what information you require.

Yours sincerely

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