

Food Standards Agency: Information released under the Freedom of Information Act

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Request & Response

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know:

- 1. The total value of fines and penalties collected by the Food Standards Agency each year.***

Please provide the data for each of the last five years with a year-end 30th November, or whichever year-end date is most convenient. If you cannot provide data for each of the last five years, then please give data for each of the last three years. If that is not possible, then please give data for each of the two most recent years.

- 2. The number of criminal prosecutions against individuals or businesses the Food Standards Agency launches each year.***

Please provide the data broken down by individuals and businesses for each of the last five years with a year-end 30th November, or whichever year-end date is most convenient. If you cannot provide data for each of the last five years, then please give data for each of the last three years. If that is not possible, then please give data for each of the two most recent years.

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1. The attached table details the total value of fines handed down by the courts following prosecutions taken by the Food Standards Agency in each of the last five years for the periods ending on 30 November. The fines are collected by HM Courts and Tribunal Service not the FSA. The FSA does not impose any administrative penalties.

YEAR	TOTAL FINES
1 December 2012 – 30 November 2013	£18,885.00
1 December 2013 – 30 November 2014	£16,650.00
1 December 2014 – 30 November 2015	£20,140.00
1 December 2015 – 30 November 2016	£43,460.00
1 December 2016 – 30 November 2017	£96,554.00

Note. Figures up to 1 April 2015 include any fines imposed by the courts in Scotland in FSA cases. From that date, Food Standards Scotland was established as a separate non-ministerial government department of the Scottish Government.

2. The attached table lists the number of criminal prosecutions launched by the Food Standards Agency in each of the last five years for the periods ending on 30 November. Figures are broken down by individuals and businesses.

YEAR	CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS LAUNCHED	
1 December 2012 – 30 November 2013	Businesses	8
	Individuals	4
1 December 2013 – 30 November 2014	Businesses	11
	Individuals	2
1 December 2014 – 30 November 2015	Businesses	5
	Individuals	4
1 December 2015 – 30 November 2016	Businesses	1
	Individuals	4
1 December 2016 – 30 November 2017	Businesses	6
	Individuals	1