

Annex A

Request and response

1) The Number of food fraud cases reported to you in 2016, 2017, 2018 and January – March 2019. If possible, broken down by month.

Between 01/01/2016 and 31/03/2019 there were 3708 reports from various sources that have been classified as relating to food crime/fraud and recorded on our Intelligence database.

These are broken down by year:

01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016 1035 reports

01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017 1116 reports

01/01/2018 to 31/12/2018 1193 reports

01/01/2019 to 01/03/2019 364 reports

These figures are further broken down by month and attached to spreadsheet Annex C. This includes the food type and subject reported.

The National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) receives intelligence reports from a variety of sources which are indexed against our seven identified techniques of food crime. Reports do not necessarily equal offences and multiple reports may be received for one incident.

2) The number of cases dating back to the start of 2013.

The total number of reports recorded by the NFCU between 01/01/2013 and 31/03/2019 is 6970.

3) If possible, the nature and outcome of the reported cases from 2016 onwards

The nature of the reported cases has been provided on spreadsheet Annex C. We are unable to provide the outcome of the reported cases. This information is being withheld under section 30 (Investigations and proceedings) and section 31 (Law enforcement) of the Act. Further details about our use of these exemptions is provided at Annex B.