



17 November 2025

Official information request regarding complaints relating to bribery, corruption or fraud
Our Ref: OIA-2526074

I refer to your official information request dated 31 October 2025 for:

Q1 In the past three years, how many complaints have government departments or Police or the Serious Fraud Office received re bribery or corruption or other fraud by government officials or contractors;

Please break this down by department, number of people per complaint and by year received.

Q2.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been investigated for offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been investigated regarding "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961.

Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q3.a.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been investigated for offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been charged with offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been charged for "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961.

Please break this down by year, locale, department and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.b.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been charged with offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

Please break this down by year, locale, department, and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.a.: In the past three years, how many officials-

1. been convicted or found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal regarding offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

2. been convicted or found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal for "corrupt use or disclosure by" regarding "official information acquired in their official capacity for private gain for themselves or any other person" under section 105A of the Crimes Act 1961.

Please break this down by year, department, locale and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

Q4.b.: In the past three years, how many contractors-

1. been convicted, been found not guilty or had conviction overturned on appeal regarding offences "in certain circumstances [prescribed by section 78A of the Crimes Act 1961 and 20Aa of the Summary Offences Act 1981] relating to security and defence of New Zealand, of improperly disclosing, copying, or retaining official information".

Please break this down by year, department, locale and types, size and number of benefit(s) they allegedly received.

We have interpreted question 1 of your request as referring to credible complaints received by Crown Law that have been reported and recorded. We have received no such complaints. For completeness, between 2024 and 2025 we received multiple complaints from one individual alleging corruption of both current and historic Solicitors-General and Attorneys-General. These were not referred to Police or SFO as they were not deemed credible.

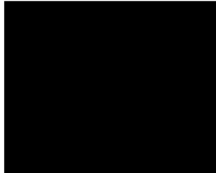
The New Zealand Police (Police) and the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) are the agencies that hold information on complaints and prosecutions of government officials and contractors for corruption, bribery or fraud. We note that you copied these agencies into your request, so there was no need to transfer the request to them.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted) on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oia@crownlaw.govt.nz.

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