

Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP  
Attorney General

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Dear Attorney,

**Sections 71 to 74 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005**

I write further to my letter of 2 October 2020 to your predecessor, which related to the number of agreements made under sections 71 to 74 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA). No agreements were made since changes to the legislation in December 2020, which resulted in sections of SOCPA being replaced by sections of the Sentencing Act 2020.

In the interests of transparency, the CPS publishes the number of such agreements entered into on an annual basis. I am now writing to inform you of the latest numbers of agreements entered into between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021. These are set out in the table below:

**SOCPA Agreements: 1 May 2020 – 30 April 2021**

SOCPA Section	Number of Agreements
s.71	0
s.72	0
s.73	3
s.74	3
TOTAL	6

Collation of these figures is reliant on manual reporting and whilst we have endeavoured to produce figures that are as accurate as possible, this data is subject to human error.

This letter will be published on the CPS website alongside those previously sent concerning the use of SOCPA agreements.

Yours sincerely,



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