

Attorney General's Office  
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Dear Attorney,

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

In 2011 the CPS agreed, in the interests of transparency, to publish the number of agreements made under sections 71 to 74 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA).

I wrote to your predecessor in December 2013 to advise him of the number of agreements made under each of these sections between May 2012 and April 2013. That letter was published on the CPS website, alongside a previous letter including figures obtained for previous years.

Due to an unfortunate oversight, data for more recent years was not collated until very recently. I am now writing to inform you of the number of agreements made under sections 71 to 74 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA) between:

- 1 May 2013 and 30 April 2014
- 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015

I can advise that the latest CPS figures show that 24 agreements have been made under sections 71 to 74 of SOCPA between 1 May 2013 and 30 April 2014. The number of agreements can be broken down as follows:

<b>SOCPA agreements 1 May 2013 – 30 April 2014</b>	
<u>SOCPA section</u>	<u>Number of agreements</u>
S.71	0
S.72	0
s.73	18
s.74	6

The CPS also figures show that 16 agreements have been made under sections 71 to 74 of SOCPA between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015. The number of agreements can be broken down as follows:

<b>SOCPA agreements 1 May 2014 – 30 April 2015</b>	
<u>SOCPA section</u>	<u>Number of agreements</u>
S.71	0
S.72	0
s.73	15
s.74	1

Due to the way in which this information is reported, there may be some agreements that were entered into a particular date but not reported until the case was complete. In which instance, the agreement may not be recorded in the 12-month period it was agreed, but instead recorded in the following 12-month period in which the case was finalised. We have endeavoured to produce figures that are as accurate as possible but due to the nature of manual reporting, the data is subject to human error.

This letter will also be published on the CPS website.

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I will write again in relation to the number of agreements made between 1 May 2015 and 30 April 2016, once this reporting period is over.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Saunders". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**ALISON SAUNDERS**  
**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**