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Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

The number of RSPCA private prosecutions taken over by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in the past five years.

Request and Response appears below:

1. In the past 5 years how many RSPCA private prosecutions have the CPS taken over?

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) manual records indicate that the CPS has taken over three RSPCA private prosecutions as outlined in your request.

2. Of that number in (a), how many of those prosecutions were discontinued by the CPS

Out of the three RSPCA private prosecutions mentioned above, all were taken over and discontinued by the CPS. For one of these cases, the private prosecution was taken over and discontinued for one of the defendants only.

3. Of that number in (a) how many of those prosecutions were continued by the CPS

None of the three prosecutions mentioned above were continued by the CPS.

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