

## CASES IN WHICH NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

There will always be a percentage of cases reported to Procurators Fiscal which result in no action being taken. Procurators Fiscal may decide not to take proceedings for a number of reasons, including lack of admissible evidence, mitigating circumstances, lack of jurisdiction over the offence, the fact that the suspected offence is not a crime, or the fact that a civil remedy is more appropriate than criminal proceedings.

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Total Criminal Cases reported	265,830	276,080	280,942	293,672	244,387
Number of cases in which no action was taken, by reason					
Insufficient admissible evidence	11,490	12,134	13,665	11,425	11,550
Further action disproportionate	5,654	7,636	9,184	7,748	8,541
Civil remedy more appropriate	1,624	1,961	2,271	842	561
Mitigating circumstances	1,498	1,509	1,440	1,148	917
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	1,565	1,939	1,734	1,540	1,455
Delay by PF	70	61	122	62	41
Lack of court resources	4	-	-	-	-
PF staff shortage	-	-	-	-	-
Timebar	352	325	424	446	334
Not a crime	2,538	2,401	2,148	2,004	1,433
No jurisdiction	54	49	59	32	32
Age of offence	1,381	1,234	1,833	665	406
Other specified reasons	3,161	2,685	2,320	1,886	1,715
<b>Total - No Action</b>	<b>29,391</b>	<b>31,934</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>27,798</b>	<b>26,985</b>

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
Total Criminal Cases reported	265,830	276,080	280,942	293,672	244,387
Cases where no action was taken as a percentage of all criminal cases reported					
Insufficient admissible evidence	4.3%	4.4%	4.9%	3.9%	4.7%
Further action disproportionate	2.1%	2.8%	3.3%	2.6%	3.5%
Civil remedy more appropriate	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%
Mitigating circumstances	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
Delay by PF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lack of court resources	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
PF staff shortage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Timebar	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Not a crime	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%
No jurisdiction	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Age of offence	0.5%	0.4%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%
Other specified reasons	1.2%	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%
<b>Total - No Action</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

All data based on Financial Year period 1 April-31 March.