

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.

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Total Criminal Cases reported	293,672	244,387	225,537	195,731	177,801
Number of cases in which no action was taken, by reason					
Insufficient admissible evidence	11,425	11,550	10,606	8,831	9,934
Further action disproportionate	7,748	8,541	8,306	5,543	3,740
Civil remedy more appropriate	842	561	395	415	404
Mitigating circumstances	1,148	917	838	745	664
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	1,540	1,455	2,178	1,514	1,178
Delay by PF	62	41	13	32	33
Timebarred on receipt	446	334	463	502	508
Not a crime	2,004	1,433	1,315	831	669
No jurisdiction	32	32	31	27	16
Age of offence	665	406	548	612	1,348
Other specified reasons	1,886	1,715	1,738	1,740	2,032
Total - No Action	27,798	26,985	26,431	20,792	20,526

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Total Criminal Cases reported	293,672	244,387	225,537	195,731	177,801
Cases where no action was taken as a percentage of all criminal cases reported					
Insufficient admissible evidence	3.9%	4.7%	4.7%	4.5%	5.6%
Further action disproportionate	2.6%	3.5%	3.7%	2.8%	2.1%
Civil remedy more appropriate	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Mitigating circumstances	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%
Delay by PF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Timebarred on receipt	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Not a crime	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%
No jurisdiction	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Age of offence	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%
Other specified reasons	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%
Total - No Action	9.5%	11.0%	11.7%	10.6%	11.5%

All data based on Financial Year period 01 April to 31 March.