

## 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.

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Total Criminal Cases reported	276,080	280,942	293,672	244,387	225,537
Number of cases in which no action was taken, by reason					
Insufficient admissible evidence	12,134	13,665	11,425	11,550	10,606
Further action disproportionate	7,636	9,184	7,748	8,541	8,306
Civil remedy more appropriate	1,961	2,271	842	561	395
Mitigating circumstances	1,509	1,440	1,148	917	838
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	1,939	1,734	1,540	1,455	2,178
Delay by PF	61	122	62	41	13
Timebarred on receipt	325	424	446	334	463
Not a crime	2,401	2,148	2,004	1,433	1,315
No jurisdiction	49	59	32	32	31
Age of offence	1,234	1,833	665	406	548
Other specified reasons	2,685	2,320	1,886	1,715	1,738
<b>Total - No Action</b>	<b>31,934</b>	<b>35,200</b>	<b>27,798</b>	<b>26,985</b>	<b>26,431</b>

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Total Criminal Cases reported	276,080	280,942	293,672	244,387	225,537
Cases where no action was taken as a percentage of all criminal cases reported					
Insufficient admissible evidence	4.4%	4.9%	3.9%	4.7%	4.7%
Further action disproportionate	2.8%	3.3%	2.6%	3.5%	3.7%
Civil remedy more appropriate	0.7%	0.8%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Mitigating circumstances	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Delay by Police or other reporting agency	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	1.0%
Delay by PF	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Timebarred on receipt	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Not a crime	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
No jurisdiction	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Age of offence	0.4%	0.7%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Other specified reasons	1.0%	0.8%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
<b>Total - No Action</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

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