



FOI Request LEX 5747 – Foreign bribery investigation data

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'A. The most recent publicly reported figure for the AFP.s foreign bribery investigations was provided in the OECD Phase 4 Monitoring Report (published in 2017), which stated that as at August 2017 the AFP had received 87 foreign bribery allegations, including 19 active investigations. (See Figure 2 of the OECD report). I request an update to these figures to the most recent date available:

1. *The total number of foreign bribery allegations received by AFP*

ANSWER: 162

2. *The total number of foreign bribery evaluations / investigations commenced*

ANSWER: 162

3. *The total number of active foreign bribery investigations*

ANSWER: 9

4. *The total number of foreign bribery investigations that have been referred to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)*

ANSWER: 11

5. *The total number of allegations finalised after evaluation / investigation*

ANSWER: 145

6. *The total number of foreign bribery allegations under evaluation*

ANSWER: 2

7. *Any annual or periodic statistical summary of foreign bribery investigation activity produced by the AFP to the present date (either from August 2017, or inclusive of all activity since the foreign bribery offence has been investigated by AFP).*

ANSWER: Key Statistics provided in SB26-000034 are:

- a) **As at 20 April 2026, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) foreign bribery related investigations included 14 matters, consisting of:**
 - (i) **8 ongoing investigations**
 - (ii) **3 matters before Court**
 - (iii) **2 assigned watching briefs**
 - (iv) **1 investigation in suspension (due to resource prioritisation)**



8. *Any annual report, briefing paper, or internal statistical summary that records foreign bribery investigation statistics for the newly established Taskforce Solaris.*

ANSWER: None produced to date differentiating pre and post taskforce establishment investigations

B. Horizon Oil Investigation In 2020, the AFP publicly confirmed it was investigating allegations relating to a payment of USD \$10.3 million made by Horizon Oil to a shell company (Eleva Energy) connected to a senior Papua New Guinean government official, following the grant of a valuable exploration licence. I request access to documents that record or indicate:

9. *Whether the AFP investigation into Horizon Oil (and/or related entities or individuals) remains ongoing, has been suspended, or has been closed;*

ANSWER: Matter was rejected

10. *If the investigation has been closed or suspended, the date of closure and any reasons or factors that led to that decision (to the extent that those documents are not exempt); and*

ANSWER:

- April 2020 - critical decision was made to finalise this matter on basis that the AFP were not able to direct resources to an investigation at that time, the historical nature of the conduct and a low risk of further reduction in availability of evidence. It was noted at that time ASIC were progressing investigative strategies related to Corporations Act offences.
- September 2022 – matter was reviewed by the Foreign Bribery Panel of Experts and it was again recommended to be finalised
- May 2024 - matter was reviewed by the Foreign Bribery Panel of Experts and it was again recommended to be finalised
- Considerations for finalising the matter included among other things:
 - Historical nature of the report
 - Resources available to conduct investigation
 - Availability of admissible evidence, including impact of time and legal professional privilege over ability to obtain and utilise evidence

11. *Whether any referral was made to the CDPP in connection with this matter, and if so, the outcome of that referral.*

ANSWER: Matter was not referred to CDPP