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REQUEST

1. *How many cocaine-related arrests have you made each year for the past five years? (please give year-to-date figures for 2019)*
2. *What was the estimated quantity (by weight) of cocaine seized by your force each year for the past five years? (please give year-to-date figures for 2019)*
3. *What was the estimated value of cocaine seized by your force each year for the past five years? (please give year-to-date figures for 2019)*

RESPONSE

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Officer for assistance with your request. The CMS system and Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes'.

She conducted a search of the two crime management systems. (CMS - our legacy system which provides data up to 4th December 2017 and our new CONNECT system which records crimes from that date onwards)

She provided me with the enclosed spreadsheet in response and the following explanation regarding her search criteria:

CMS(II) Data -

We have provided a count of offences recorded on the CMS(ii) Crime Register between 01-Jan-2014 and 04-Dec-2017 where the Property Sub Class is Cocaine(class A). Of this offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offence outcome. This data will include offences that have been recorded in accordance with the below Principal Crime rule and example 2.

The Principal Crime Rule (1 of 1) IF THE SEQUENCE OF CRIMES IN AN INCIDENT, OR A COMPLEX CRIME, CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF CRIME, THEN COUNT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIME. Example below -

EXAMPLE 2: One person detained in possession of various class A, B and C controlled drugs with intent to supply.

One crime (class 92A).

CONNECT Data -

We have provided a count of offences recorded for CONNECT Crime where the offence was recorded between 05-Dec-2017 and 30-Sep-2018 where the following offences have been recorded –

Full Offence Title	Crime HO Classification
Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply - Class A - Cocaine	092/70
Production or being concerned in production of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	092/10
Supplying or offering to supply a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	092/30
Having possession of a controlled drug - Class A - Cocaine	092/50

Of this offence count, I have provided a breakdown of the offence outcome.

Please note - We are not able to extract data in the same way as CMS(ii) as the Property Class field within CONNECT is not a mandated requirement therefore we can only extract such data using the offence code.

As above, we have had to take a different approach to extracting the data from CONNECT as the data is not recorded in the same format as the legacy system CMS(ii). SYP have changed their central crime management system in December 2017. Therefore data from the new system cannot be used as a direct comparison due to the different ways in which crimes are recorded. However, the data has been given to comply with original request and displayed here to show an outline trend.

I approached our Strategic Intelligence Manager for details in relation to questions 2 & 3. He has provided the following in response:

Please find beneath a table detailing the audited data published by the Home Office, through the Data Manager at the Policing Data Collection Section.

Cocaine	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
No. of Seizures	374	339	347	373
Quantity of Seizures	16.2Kg	14Kg	10Kg	10Kg