



States of
Guernsey

Access to Public Information Request

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Request for information:

How often/much has the States of Guernsey paid out to fraudulent contractors in the last five years (i.e. been a victim of fraud)?

Please provide a breakdown of:

- The number of incidents per year
- The monetary value for each
- Which department was the victim of each incident
- Details of how much of the money was later retrieved

Response:

Response from Treasury:

'It is not possible to categorically answer this question as we are only aware of those frauds that are detected. Therefore, to the best of our knowledge, the States of Guernsey have not paid fraudulent contractors in the last five years.

'There have been a small number of events that have warranted investigation but we are not aware of any events that have led to individuals or companies being prosecuted. Incidents of suspected fraud can be incredibly complex to investigate, consume a lot of resource and be very difficult to prove. However, we take every incident seriously and involve the appropriate authorities where necessary.'