



Ref: FOI 2018 - 21	Date issued: 25/07/18
Subject: Budget and additional offences since the GLAA was granted extra powers	
Question(s) asked <p>What was the total budget provided by the Home Office to the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority in the financial years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?</p> <p>2. When the GLAA was given extra powers on 1 May 2017 what additional offences did this allow the organisation to investigate?</p> <p>3. For each additional offence identified in the answer to question 2 can you please provide the following information for the first full calendar year when the new powers were in place – i.e. the period of 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018.</p> <p>i. the number of suspects arrested by GLAA officers for each of the new offences listed In answer to Q2?</p> <p>ii. the number of those suspects arrested by GLAA officers who were subsequently charged with any of the new offences identified in Q2 - providing names, DOBs, addresses and details of their charges - as per public court listings (grouped by operation and with locations of arrests if possible)</p> <p>iii. details of the offenders arrested by GLAA officers in the specified time period who have since been convicted - total of convictions, plus individual names, DOBs and addresses, the charges on which each one was convicted and the sentences received.</p> <p>iv. The number of offenders arrested by a GLAA officer in the period stated who are pending trial or court appearance with names, DOBs, addresses and charges?</p>	
Our Response <p>In response to question 1, we refer you to the response given by the Home Office to your original FOI request.</p> <p>In response to question 2, please refer to Table 1 in the attached spreadsheet which lists additional offences that the GLAA can investigate using its powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) as set out in section 3(3) the Immigration Act 2016. Please note our new PACE powers are also used against existing offences, including offences under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004.</p> <p>In response to question 3 (i – iv). Please refer to Table 1 in the attached spreadsheet which provides data for the period 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018. Personal and operational details requested are exempt from disclosure by virtue of s30(1) and s40(2) of the FOIA, in relation</p>	

to any cases that have not reached a prosecution and sentence outcome. Details of individuals sentenced, referred to in Table 1, can be found in the related GLAA press releases (which are listed below the table).

Duty to provide advice and assistance

Under s16 of the FOIA (duty to provide advice and assistance) and to give you a complete and holistic picture of our work, further information is provided below.

Joint partner led operations

The GLAA works in close partnership with a number of enforcement agencies which involves GLAA staff in partner led joint operations. In addition to the figures provided in Table 1, the GLAA were involved in a further 54 arrests as a result of this partnership working using their powers appropriately.

Labour Market Enforcement Undertakings and Orders

The Immigration Act 2016 introduced Labour Market Enforcement Undertakings and Orders (LMEU & LMEO) for use by the GLAA. This can be used as an alternative or additional sanction to support labour market compliance. Two LMEUs were issued during the reporting period that you requested, with a further two LMEUs issued since. There are a further four LMEUs under consideration, one of which is waiting to be served. During the specified period, there was also one Labour Market Enforcement Order (LMEO) issued.

**For the period 1 May 2017 - 30 April 2018

Table. 1 List of additional offences that the GLAA can investigate using its powers under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) as set out in section 3(3) the Immigration Act 2016:	Arrested (GLAA led)	Pending charging advice	Charged	Pending trial or court appearance	Convicted
(a)an offence under the Employment Agencies Act 1973 other than one under section 9(4)(b) of that Act;	0	0	0	0	0
(b)an offence under the National Minimum Wage Act 1998;	0	0	0	0	0
*(C) an offence under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004;	11	0	0	0	5
(d)an offence under section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;	14	4	0	0	1
(e)an offence under section 2 or 4 of that Act	0	0	0	0	1
(f)an offence under section 30(1) or (2) of that Act which is committed in relation to	0	0	0	0	0
(g)an offence under section 27;	0	0	0	0	0
(h)any other offence prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;	0	0	0	0	0
(i)an offence of attempting or conspiring to commit an offence mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (h);	0	0	0	0	0
(j)an offence under Part 2 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 in relation to an offence so mentioned;	0	0	0	0	0
(k)an offence of inciting a person to commit an offence so mentioned;	0	0	0	0	0
(l)an offence of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of an offence so mentioned.	0	0	0	0	0
Individual arrested for both (d)an offence under section 1 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and (e)an offence under section 2 or 4 of that Act	10	1	0	0	0
Total	35	5	0	0	7

* In our Duty to Assist, our new PACE powers are also used against existing offences including *offence C - an offence under the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004*; this also included the use of GLAA powers.

**Annual Report and Accounts

The GLAA's Annual Report and Accounts reporting period is 1 April – 31 March, so these figures will not correspond.

Press releases relating to the above convictions are provided below

<http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/160617-landlord-who-preyed-on-the-weak-gets-eight-years/>

<http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/press-release-archive/120517-somerset-businesswoman-prosecuted-after-ignoring-warnings/>

<http://www.gla.gov.uk/whats-new/latest-press-releases/news/>