

Interim Police Complaints Information Bulletin: Action Fraud

Reporting Period: 01 April 2024 - 31 December 2024 (Q3 2024/25)

About this bulletin

This bulletin presents information about complaints defined under the Police Reform Act 2002 (PRA 2002), as amended by the Police and Crime Act 2017. The legislation came into effect on 1 February 2020 (4 January 2021 for the British Transport Police).

It sets out performance against a number of measures and compares force results to their most similar force (MSF) group (where applicable) and with the overall result for all forces (national). Action Fraud do not have matters dealt with by the IOPC therefore these sections will be blank for this force.

Please note: Unless stated otherwise, tables within the bulletin consist of 'year-to-date' figures covering all matters being started or completed between the two dates.

Q1: 1 April to 30 June, Q2: 1 April to 30 September, Q3: 1 April to 31 December, Q4: 1 April to 31 March

Where charts refer to separate quarters the dates are: Q1: 1 April to 30 June, Q2: 1 July to 30 September, Q3: October to 31 December, Q4 1 January to 31 March.

Please note: Due to one force being unable to submit data for this quarter, MSF group and national figures are incomplete. Therefore these figures should not be considered definitive.

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Acronyms used in this bulletin

YTD – Year to date figures, **SPLY** - Same period last year, **MSF** - Most similar force, **LPB** - Local policing body, **PRA** - Police Reform Act 2002

Nat. – National, **RPRP** – Reflective Practice Review Process, **UPP** – Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure

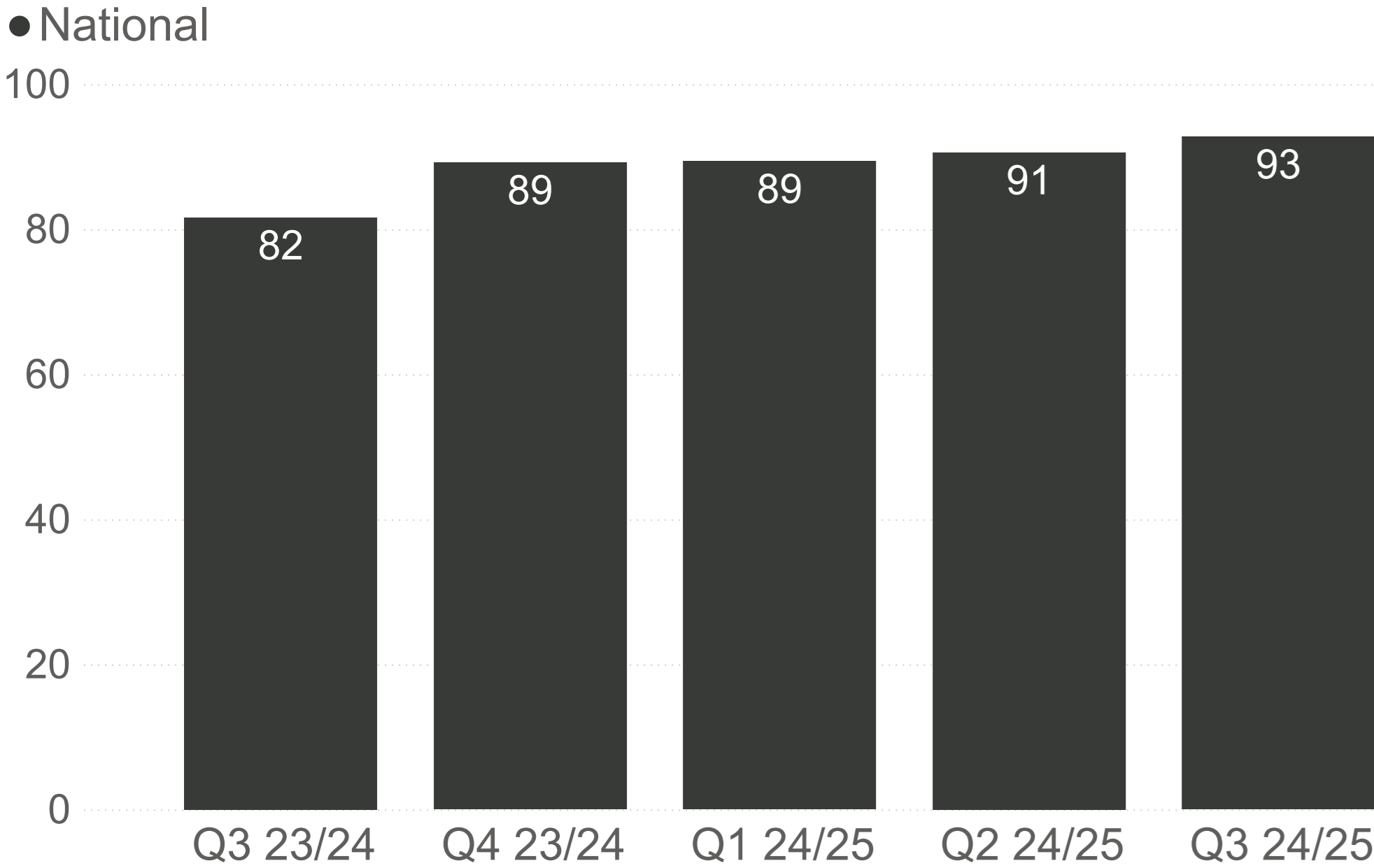
Section A1.1: Complaint cases and allegations logged

A complaint case is formed of one or more allegations. Numbers per 1,000 employees are used to demonstrate how the number of complaints/allegations against a force compare to their most similar force group and national figures. The force should contact the complainant and log the complaint as soon as possible after the complaint has been raised. Days to contact/log are from the customer perspective.

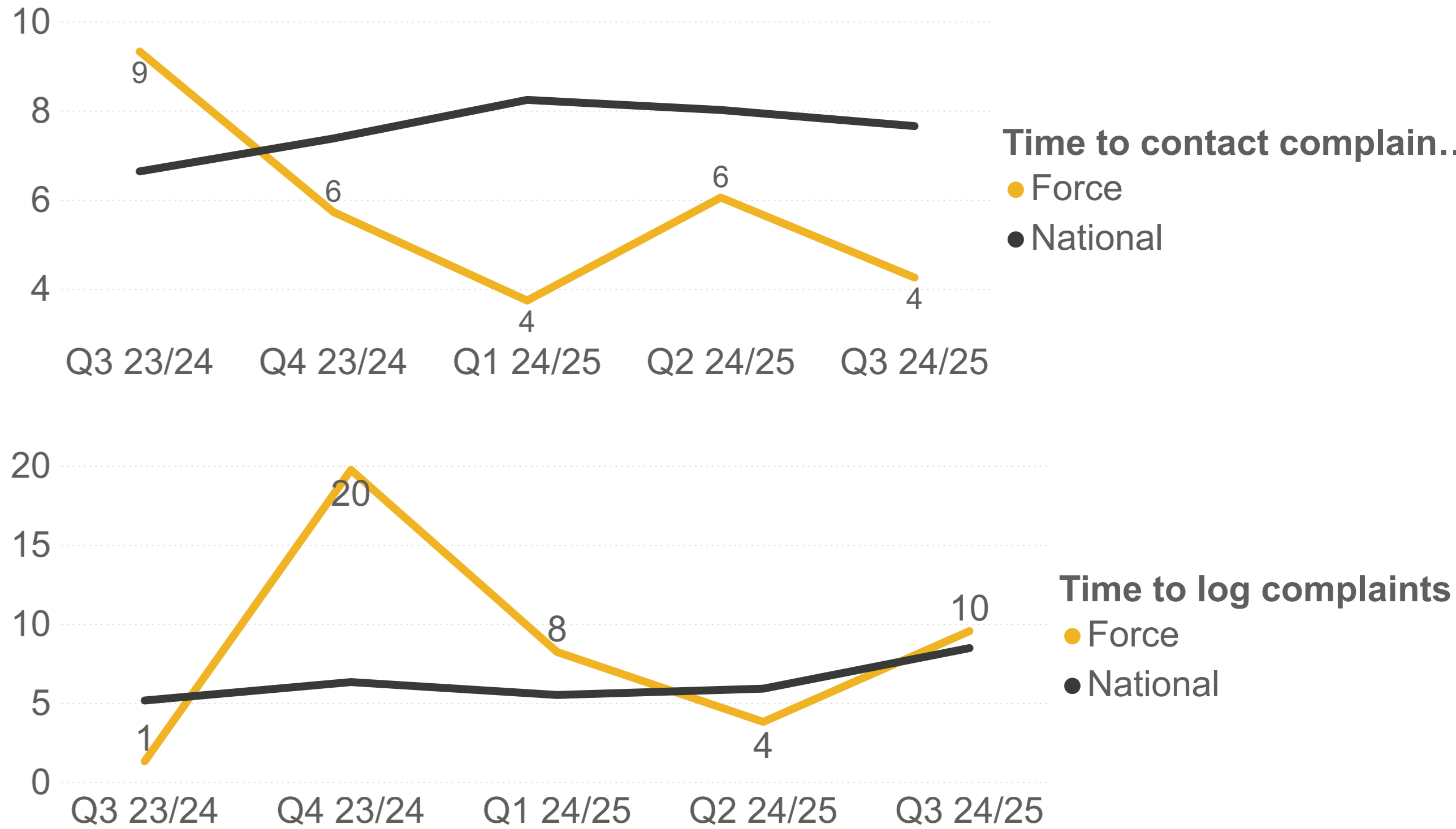
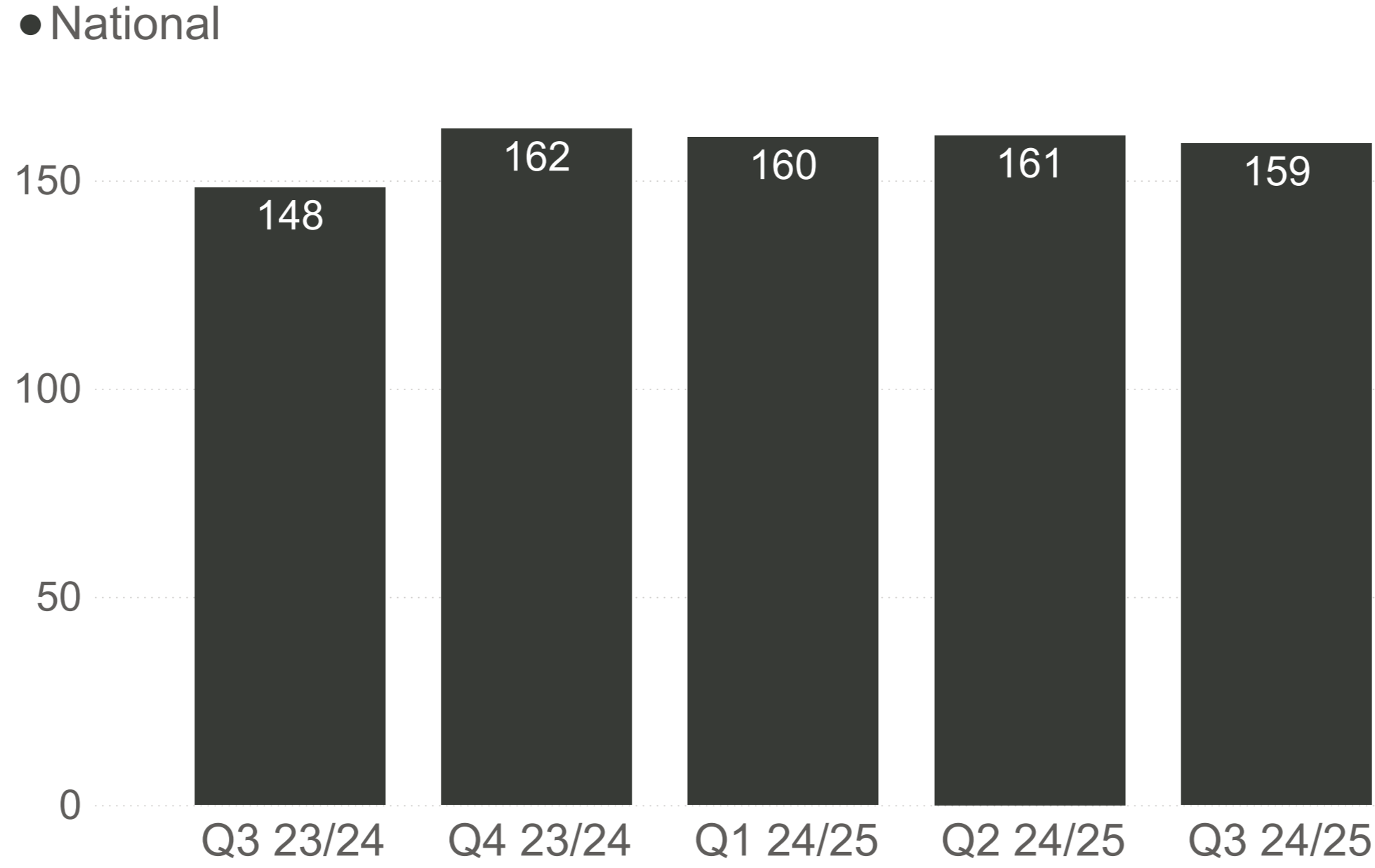
Note: Number of employees is a fixed number through the period, therefore complaints and allegations per 1,000 employees is higher for the full period (as in the table) than when broken down in to quarters (as per the charts)

Year to date	Complaint cases logged	Complaints per 1,000 employees	Allegations Logged	Allegations per 1,000 employees	Average working days to contact complainants	Average working days to log complaints
Force	313		321		5	7
SPLY	275		151		52	2
National	69,504	273	122,348	480	8	7

Complaints logged per 1,000 employees



Allegations logged per 1,000 employees



For space reasons, the figures in the above charts are the force averages only

Section A1.2: Reason for complaints to be logged under Schedule 3

Allegations should have an allegation category applied to them which will identify the root of what the allegation is about.

Forces can handle a complaint informally (known as Outside of Schedule 3), this should be used to deal with lower level complaints.

If a complaint is handled formally under Schedule 3, the force should record the reason why.

For more information on Schedule 3 of the Police Reform Act see here:

[Guidance on capturing data about police complaints.](#)

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	0	6	9,603
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	1	0	4,564
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	4	16	3,723
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	0	0	5,364
Total	5	22	23,254

Reason complaint case recorded under Schedule 3 (YTD)	Force	SPLY	National
AA/body responsible for initial handling decides	0 %	27 %	41 %
Complainant wishes the complaint be recorded	20 %	0 %	20 %
Dissatisfaction after initial handling	80 %	73 %	16 %
Nature of the allegation(s) in the complaint	0 %	0 %	23 %

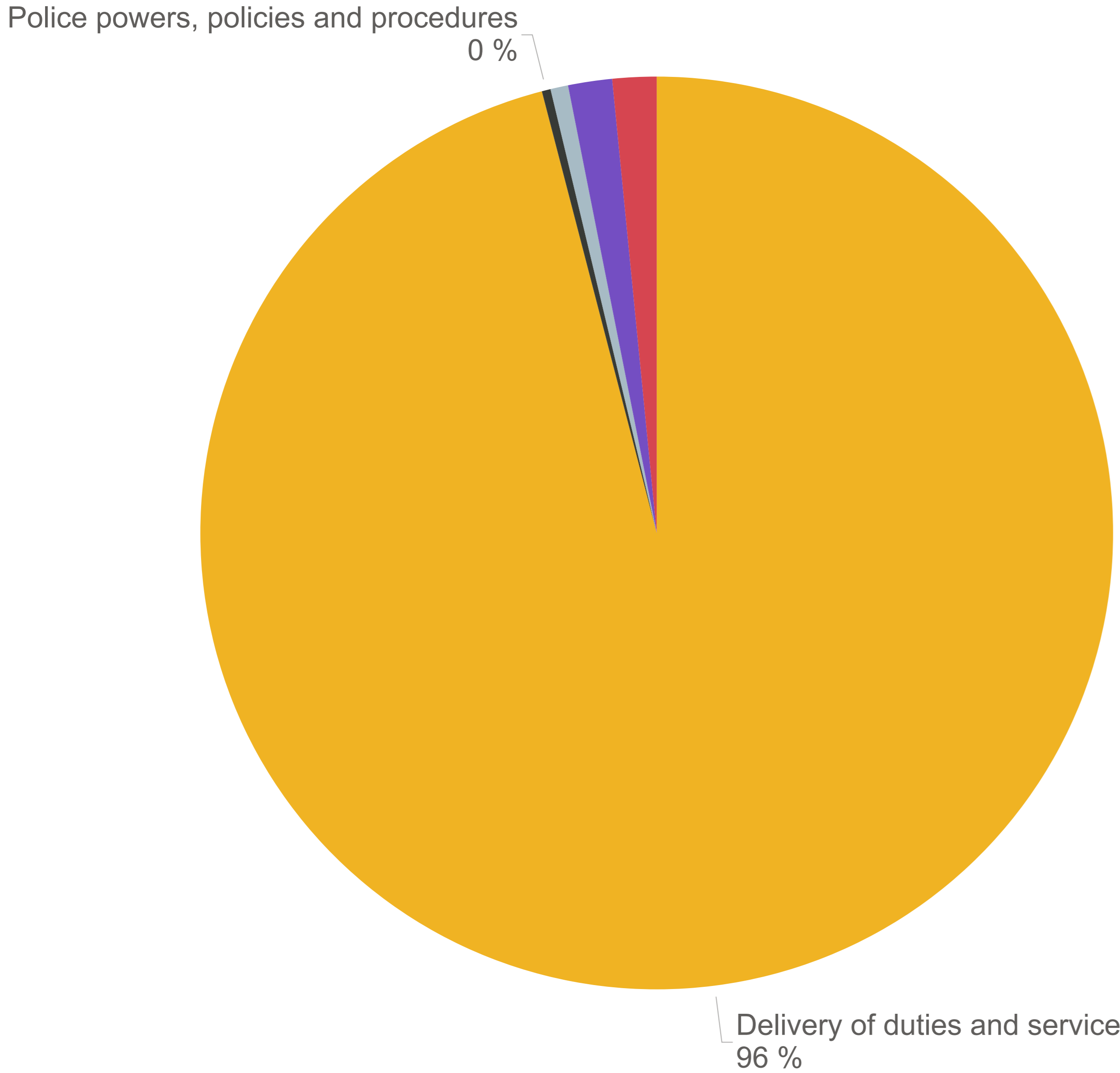
Section A1.3: Allegations logged – what has been complained about (YTD)

This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged. Total % is of the total number of allegations logged. Allegations where the subcategory is 'none' are omitted from this table.

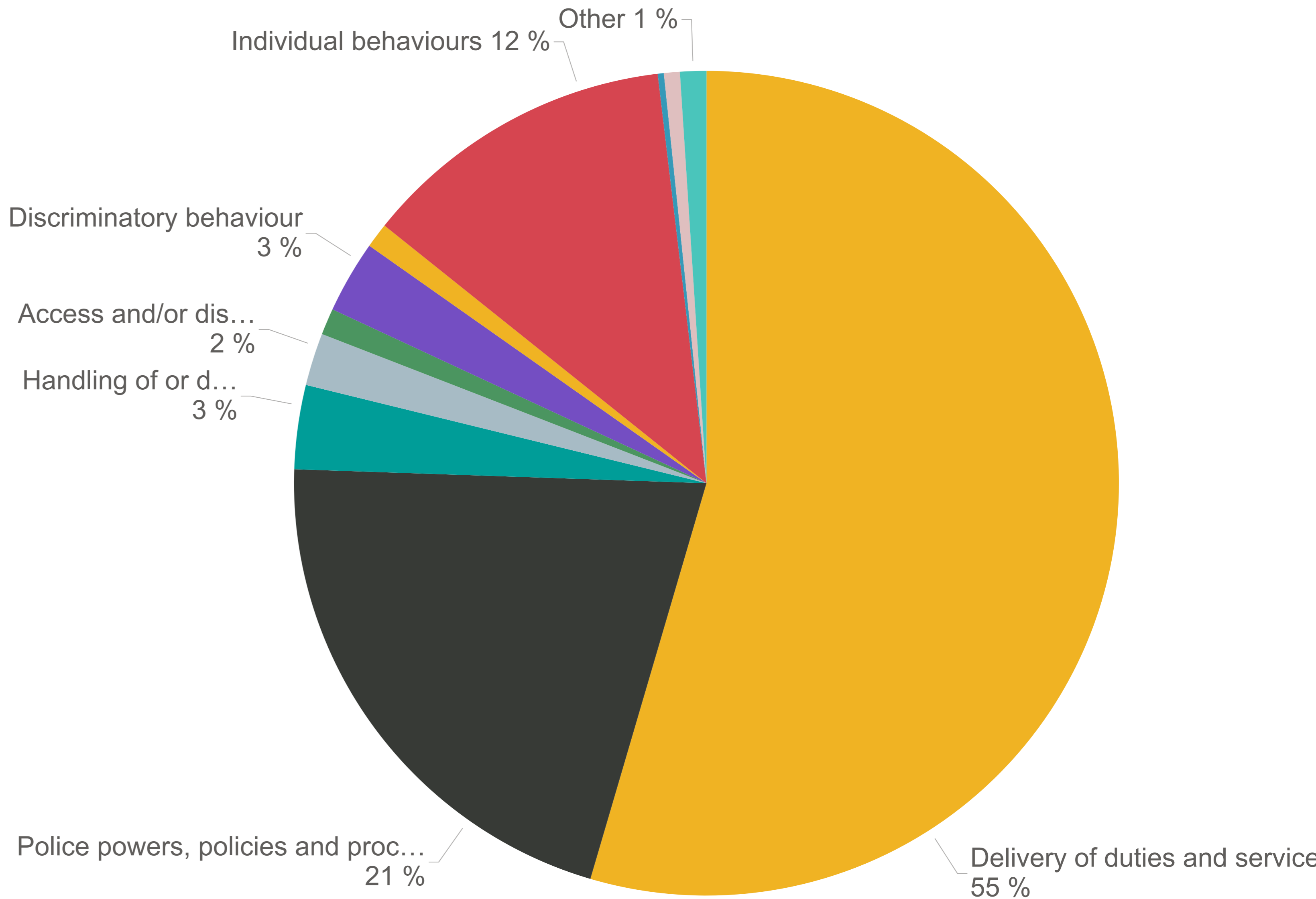
What has been complained about (YTD)

Year to date	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/ corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Force	308	1	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	321
SPLY	142	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	1	151
National	66,729	25,690	4,027	2,522	1,266	3,476	1,192	15,133	293	761	1,257	122,346

What has been complained about (force - year to date)



What has been complained about (national - year to date)



Section A1.4: Allegations logged – Top five allegation categories and their sub-categories (Year to date)

Category	Year to date Subcategory	Force		SPLY		National		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Delivery of duties and service	Total	308	96 %	142	94 %	66,726	55 %	
	Police action following contact	243	79 %	105	74 %	27,618	41 %	
	General level of service	35	11 %	19	13 %	21,727	33 %	
	Information	24	8 %	14	10 %	7,682	12 %	
	Decisions	6	2 %	4	3 %	9,699	15 %	
Discriminatory behaviour	Total	5	2 %	2	1 %	3,476	3 %	
	Disability	4	80 %	0	0 %	663	19 %	
	Gender reassignment	1	20 %	0	0 %	36	1 %	
	Age	0	0 %	0	0 %	53	2 %	
	Marriage and civil partnership	0	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	
	Pregnancy and maternity	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	
	Race	0	0 %	2	100 %	1,655	48 %	
	Religion or belief	0	0 %	0	0 %	84	2 %	
	Sex	0	0 %	0	0 %	561	16 %	
	Sexual orientation	0	0 %	0	0 %	105	3 %	
	Other	0	0 %	0	0 %	316	9 %	
	Individual behaviours	Total	5	2 %	6	4 %	15,132	12 %
		Impolite language / tone	5	100 %	1	17 %	3,890	26 %
		Unprofessional attitude and disrespect	0	0 %	5	83 %	4,272	28 %
Lack of fairness and impartiality		0	0 %	0	0 %	2,089	14 %	
Overbearing or harassing behaviours		0	0 %	0	0 %	2,570	17 %	
Impolite and intolerant actions		0	0 %	0	0 %	2,311	15 %	
Access and/or disclosure of information	Total	2	1 %	0	0 %	2,522	2 %	
	Use of police systems	1	50 %	0	0 %	191	8 %	
	Handling of information	1	50 %	0	0 %	552	22 %	
	Decisions	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	
	Disclosure of information	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,678	67 %	
	Accessing and handling of information from other sources	0	0 %	0	0 %	100	4 %	
Police powers, policies and procedures	Total	1	0 %	0	0 %	25,687	21 %	
	Other policies and procedures	1	100 %	0	0 %	2,576	10 %	
	Stops, and stop and search	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,218	5 %	
	Searches of premises and seizure of property	0	0 %	0	0 %	3,261	13 %	
	Power to arrest and detain	0	0 %	0	0 %	4,643	18 %	
	Detention in police custody	0	0 %	0	0 %	3,661	14 %	
	Bail, identification and interview procedures	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,489	6 %	
	Use of force	0	0 %	0	0 %	6,584	26 %	
	Evidential procedures	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,861	7 %	
	Out of court disposals	0	0 %	0	0 %	393	2 %	
	Information	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	

This section presents the three most commonly recorded categories for allegations that have been logged. A complaint case will contain one or more allegations and one category (and sub-category, where available) is selected for each allegation logged.

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Section A1.5: National complaint factors

Year to date Factors on all allegations	Force		SPLY		National	
	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged	Allegations Logged	% Allegations Logged
Fraud	317	99 %	150	99 %	779	1 %
None	3	1 %	0	0 %	22,863	19 %
Hate Crime	1	0 %	0	0 %	699	1 %
Arrest	0	0 %	0	0 %	15,683	13 %
Call Handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	5,209	4 %
Child protection / CSA / CSE	0	0 %	0	0 %	2,199	2 %
Coronavirus - other	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on infectiou	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Coronavirus - police powers on restricti	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Covert policing	0	0 %	0	0 %	66	0 %
Custody	0	0 %	0	0 %	7,020	6 %
Death	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,105	1 %
Domestic / gender abuse	0	0 %	0	0 %	6,828	6 %
Drugs / alcohol	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,408	1 %
Firearms	0	0 %	0	0 %	559	0 %
Investigation	0	0 %	1	1 %	46,292	38 %
Mental health	0	0 %	0	0 %	3,667	3 %
Missing persons	0	0 %	0	0 %	771	1 %
Neighbourhood policing	0	0 %	0	0 %	5,699	5 %
Police dogs or horses	0	0 %	0	0 %	76	0 %
PPDA	0	0 %	0	0 %	27	0 %
PPDA - Police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %
Prejudicial and improper behaviour	0	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %
Premises search	0	0 %	0	0 %	2,989	2 %
Public order incident	0	0 %	0	0 %	972	1 %
Restraint equipment	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,321	1 %
Roads/traffic	0	0 %	0	0 %	7,298	6 %
Serious injury	0	0 %	0	0 %	256	0 %
Social media	0	0 %	0	0 %	506	0 %
Stop and/or search	0	0 %	0	0 %	2,543	2 %
Taser	0	0 %	0	0 %	146	0 %
Unknown	0	0 %	0	0 %	23	0 %
VAWG' - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	16	0 %
VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	0	0 %	0	0 %	5,179	4 %
VAWG - police perpetrated	0	0 %	0	0 %	848	1 %
VAWG' - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	23	0 %
VAWG - police victim	0	0 %	0	0 %	107	0 %

This section presents information that shows the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint.

Each allegation should have a single category selected. However, multiple factors can be selected on a single allegation. Therefore, the sum of factors will not equal the total allegations logged in each category and the percentages here will add up to over 100%. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for definitions of categories and factors.

Section A1.6: National complaint factors on top five allegation categories

Factors on top five allegation categories (Year to date)	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Access and/or disclosure of information	Discriminatory behaviour	Individual behaviours
None	3	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime	1	0	0	0	0
Fraud	304	1	2	5	5
Total	308	1	2	5	5

This section presents information that shows what people are complaining about using a combination of allegation categories and factors against the police force.

Categories capture the root of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint. Factors capture the situational context of the dissatisfaction expressed in a complaint.

The combination of categories and factors provides a richer picture of what people are complaining about compared to the categories alone.

Each allegation should have a single category selected. However, multiple factors can be selected on a single allegation. Therefore, the sum of factors will not equal the total allegations logged in each category. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for definitions of categories and factors.

The table below shows a breakdown of allegations logged with the focus national complaint factors.

IOPC Police Data Year Quarter	VAWG - dissatisfaction handling	VAWG - police perpetrated	VAWG - police victim	Total
Total	0	0	0	0

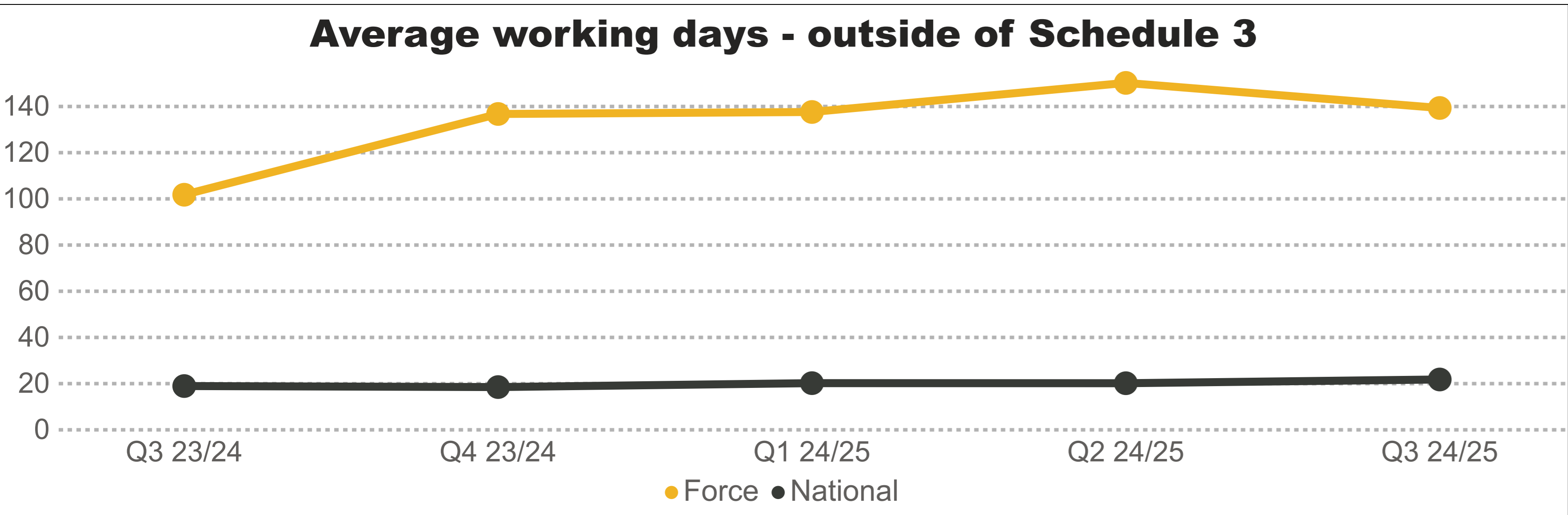
Section A2: Allegations timeliness

This section presents the time it takes the force to finalise allegations by how they were handled. It gives a breakdown of allegations handled informally outside of Schedule 3 and those that were handled formally by either by investigation or handled other than by investigation. Timeliness is calculated from the date the allegation was received by the force to the day the complainant is informed of the allegation decision.

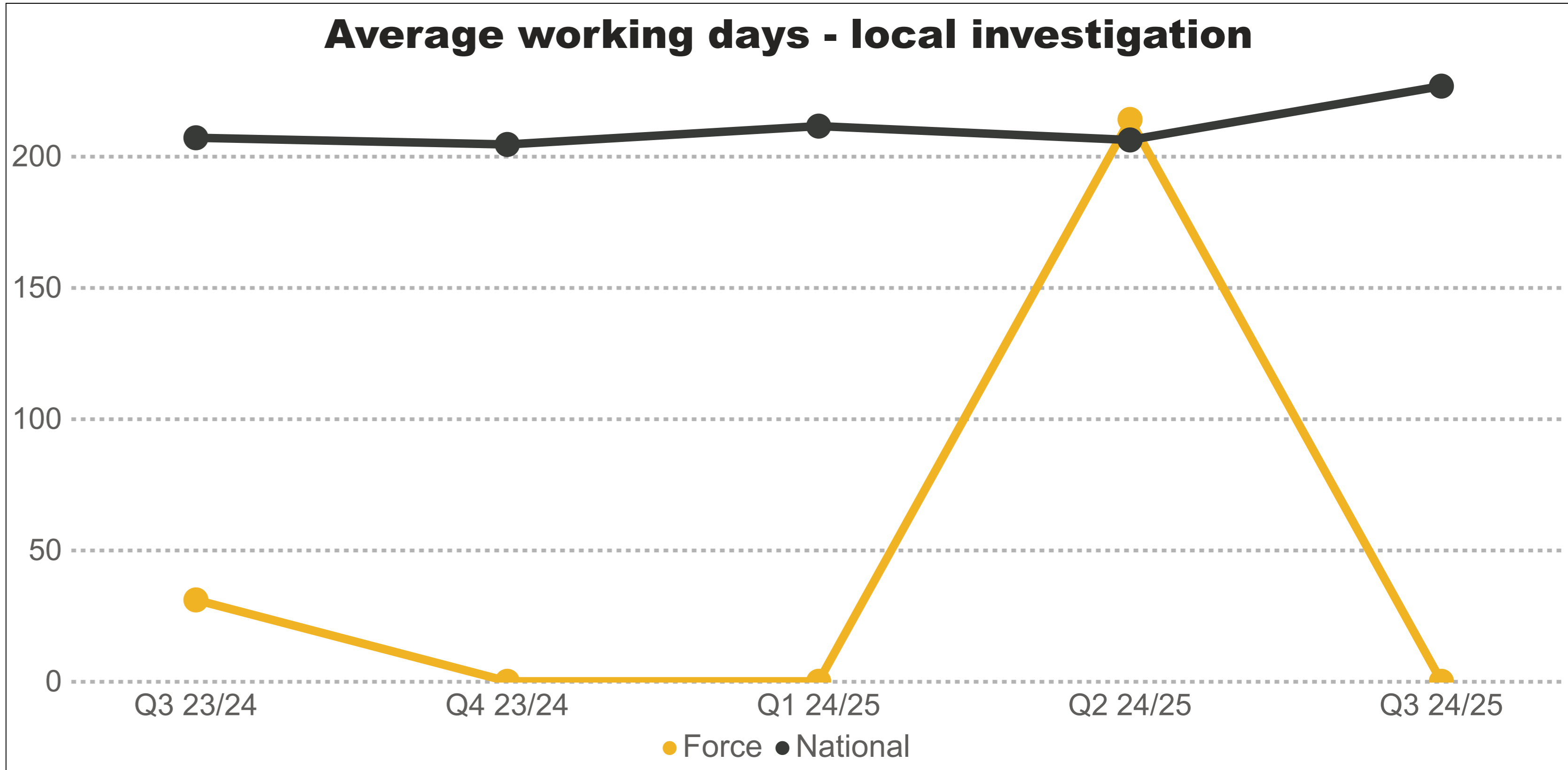
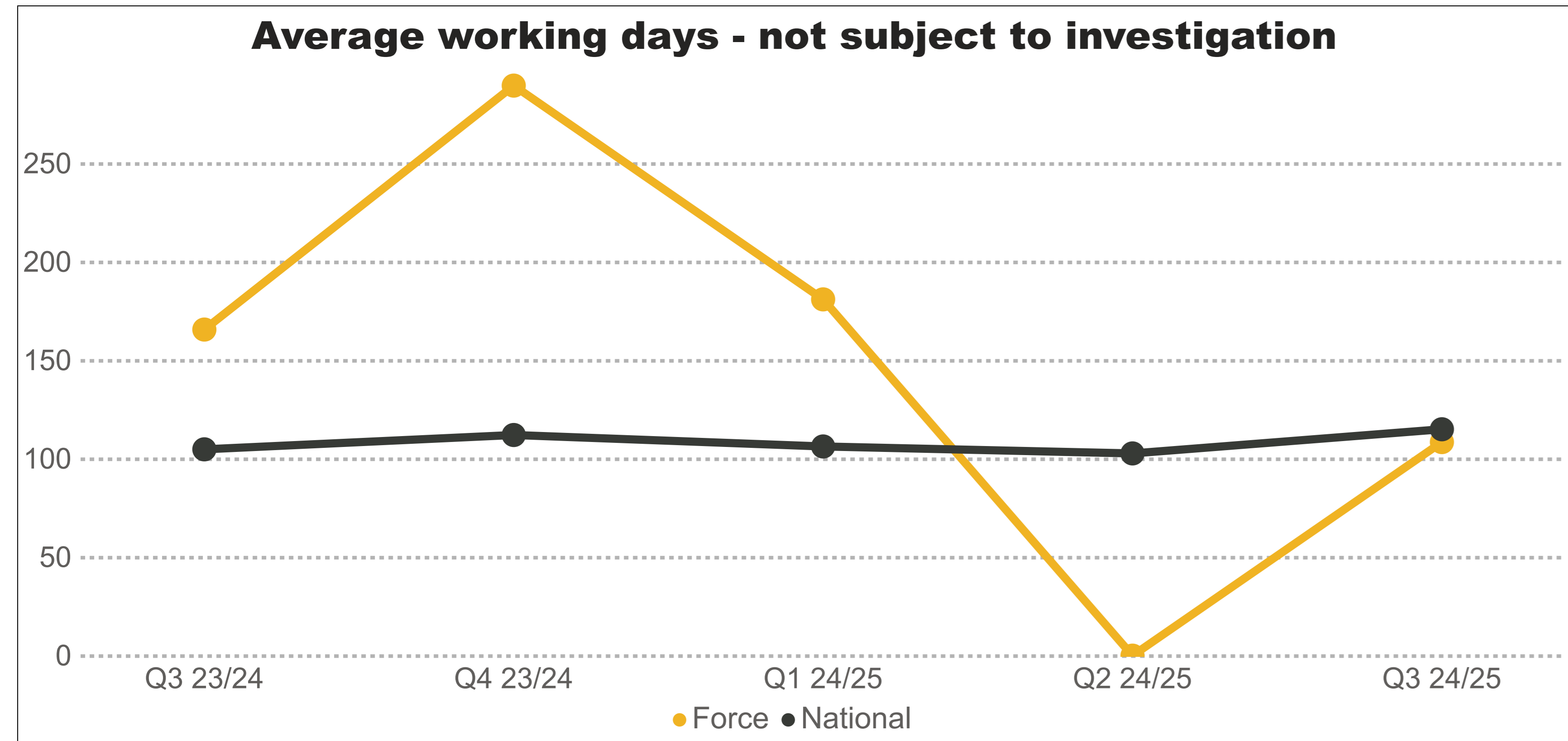
Independent investigation figures do not include conduct or death/serious injury investigations which are also investigated by the IOPC.

Allegations with 'invalid dates' have been removed from the data shown. Please refer to the performance framework counting rules and calculations on the [IOPC website](#) for an explanation of invalid dates.

Year to date Allegations	Outside of Schedule 3		Under Schedule 3 - not subject to investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by local investigation		Under Schedule 3 - by independent investigation	
	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	237	142	11	141	1	214	0	0
SPLY	135	72	23	107	1	31	0	0
National	51,937	20	53,990	108	13,259	214	224	307



Year to date Allegations	Under Schedule 3 - by directed investigation	
	Number Finalised	Average days
Force	0	0
SPLY	0	0
National	17	574



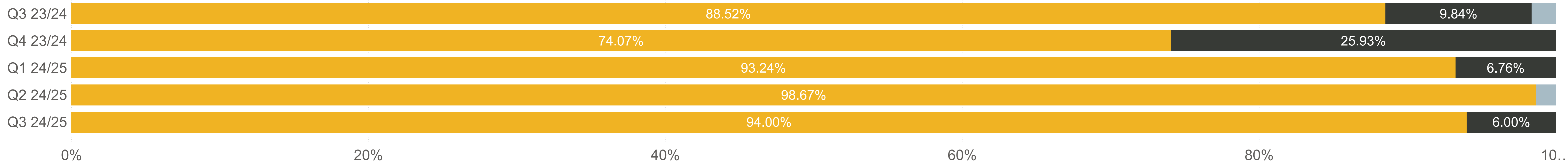
Section A3.1: How allegations were handled and their decisions

This section presents a breakdown of how allegations were handled information and the decisions being given. An allegation decision is logged for each allegation finalised. The allegation decision reflects how the complaint case has been handled, with different decisions available for the different means of handling. Both the allegation decisions and the subsequent actions available will depend on two things: firstly, whether the complaint case has been handled outside or under Schedule 3; and secondly, the means of handling where it has been dealt with under Schedule 3. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of allegation decisions.

How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Force No.	Force %	MSF Average No.	MSF Average %	National No.	National %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	1	0 %			12,092	10 %
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	0				1,408	1 %
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	11	4 %			53,990	45 %
Outside of Schedule 3	237	95 %			51,937	43 %
Total	249	100 %			119,427	100 %

Force: percent of allegations finalised by handling method

Handling Method ● Outside of Schedule 3 ● Under Schedule 3 - not investigated ● Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)



How allegations were handled (Year to date)	Outside of Schedule 3				Under Schedule 3 - not investigated				Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)				Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)			
	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %	Force No.	Force %	National No.	National %
No further action				0 %			4,006	3 %			22	0 %			347	0 %
Regulation 41 applies				0 %			77	0 %			3	0 %			155	0 %
Service provided - unable to determine				0 %			4,930	4 %			18	0 %			1,148	1 %
Service provided - not acceptable				0 %			7,176	6 %			43	0 %			1,461	1 %
Service provided - acceptable				0 %	11	100 %	36,299	30 %			199	0 %	1	100 %	8,649	7 %
Not Resolved	9	4 %	2,767	2 %				0 %				0 %				0 %
Resolved	228	96 %	49,169	41 %				0 %				0 %				0 %
No Case to Answer				0 %				0 %			796	1 %				0 %
Case to Answer				0 %				0 %			301	0 %				0 %
Withdrawal				0 %			1,501	1 %			26	0 %			332	0 %
Total	237	95 %	51,936	43 %	11	4 %	53,989	45 %			1,408	1 %	1	0 %	12,092	10 %

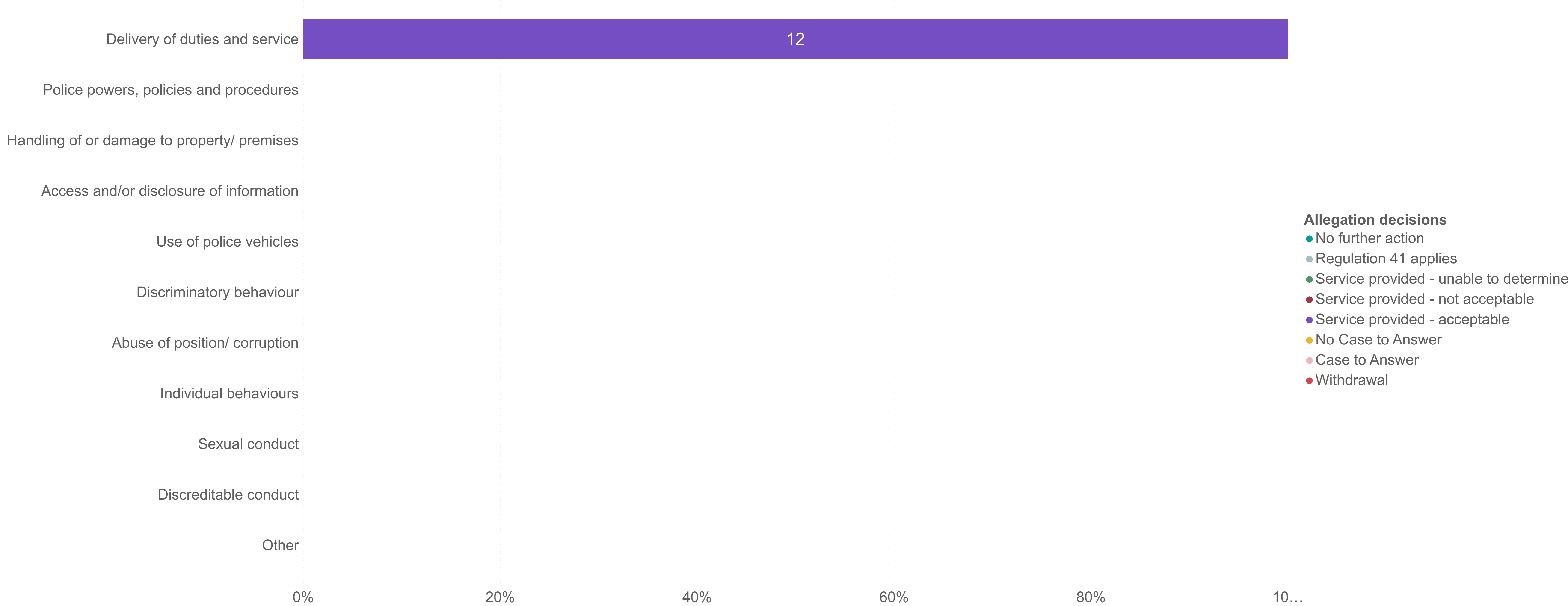
Section A3.2: Allegation decisions by what was complained about (Year to date by category)

This section presents information about allegations handled both informally and formally, grouped by the allegation decision and the category selected on each allegation. Each allegation has a single category selected.

Outside Schedule 3 allegation decisions

Allegation decisions	Delivery of duties and service	Police powers, policies and procedures	Handling of or damage to property/ premises	Access and/or disclosure of information	Use of police vehicles	Discriminatory behaviour	Abuse of position/ corruption	Individual behaviours	Sexual conduct	Discreditable conduct	Other	Total
Resolved	224	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	228
Not Resolved	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

Schedule 3 allegation decisions



- Allegation decisions**
- No further action
 - Regulation 41 applies
 - Service provided - unable to determine
 - Service provided - not acceptable
 - Service provided - acceptable
 - No Case to Answer
 - Case to Answer
 - Withdrawal

Section B1.1: Allegation actions - on allegations handled outside of Schedule 3 (Year to date)

This section presents information about what happened as a result of the allegation (action). Actions are captured at allegation level and multiple actions can be selected, where appropriate, on single allegation. The figures shown in this section are based on allegations on finalised complaint cases that resulted in the corresponding action. As more than one action can be selected for a single allegation, the sum of all percentages will not equal 100%.

The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of actions available.

Please note: not all of the available actions arising from the complaint handling are shown. The actions presented in this section are those that focus on putting an issue right and preventing it from happening again by encouraging those involved to reflect on their actions and learn.

Actions following outside of Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Organisational learning	0	0 %	0	0 %	199	0 %
Learning from reflection	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,462	3 %
Policy review	0	0 %	0	0 %	48	0 %
Goodwill gesture	0	0 %	0	0 %	80	0 %
Apology	7	3 %	26	19 %	4,995	10 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	436	1 %
Explanation	219	92 %	101	75 %	32,190	62 %
No further action	11	5 %	8	6 %	5,660	11 %
Other action	0	0 %	0	0 %	6,288	12 %

Section B1.2: Allegation actions - on allegations handled under Schedule 3 (Year to date)

This section presents information about what happened as a result of the allegation (action). Actions are captured at allegation level and multiple actions can be selected, where appropriate, on single allegation. The figures shown in this section are based on allegations on finalised complaint cases that resulted in the corresponding action. As more than one action can be selected for a single allegation, the sum of all percentages will not equal 100%.

The actions available once an allegation is finalised depend on how the complaint case has been handled. Please refer to our [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#) for details of actions available. Please note: not all of the available actions arising from the complaint handling are shown. The actions presented in this section are those that focus on putting an issue right and preventing it from happening again by encouraging those involved to reflect on their actions and learn.

All complaint cases handled under Schedule 3

Actions following Schedule 3 complaint cases	Force		SPLY		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Organisational learning	0	0 %	0	0 %	586	1 %
Apology	0	0 %	6	25 %	2,663	4 %
Debrief	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,928	3 %
Explanation	12	100 %	17	71 %	41,875	62 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	27	0 %
No further action	0	0 %	1	4 %	14,539	22 %
Other action	0	0 %	0	0 %	670	1 %
Learning from reflection	0	0 %	0	0 %	3,600	5 %
Referral to RPRP	0	0 %	0	0 %	1,026	2 %

Misconduct, UPP and RPRP on complaints investigated under Schedule 3 (subject to Special Procedures)

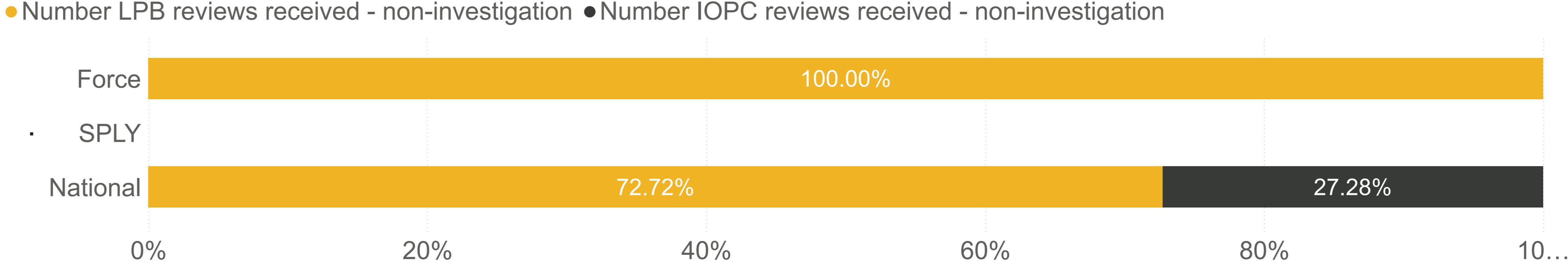
Complaint cases handled under Schedule 3 that are investigated and subject to Special Procedures can result in misconduct proceedings

Actions following Schedule 3 (special procedures) cases	Force		SPLY		National	
	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised	Allegations Finalised	% Allegations Finalised
Misconduct proceedings	0	0 %	0	0 %	157	11 %
Unsatisfactory Performance Procedure (UPP)	0	0 %	0	0 %	10	1 %
Other actions following a case to answer decision	0	0 %	0	0 %	93	7 %
Referral to RPRP	0	0 %	0	0 %	230	16 %

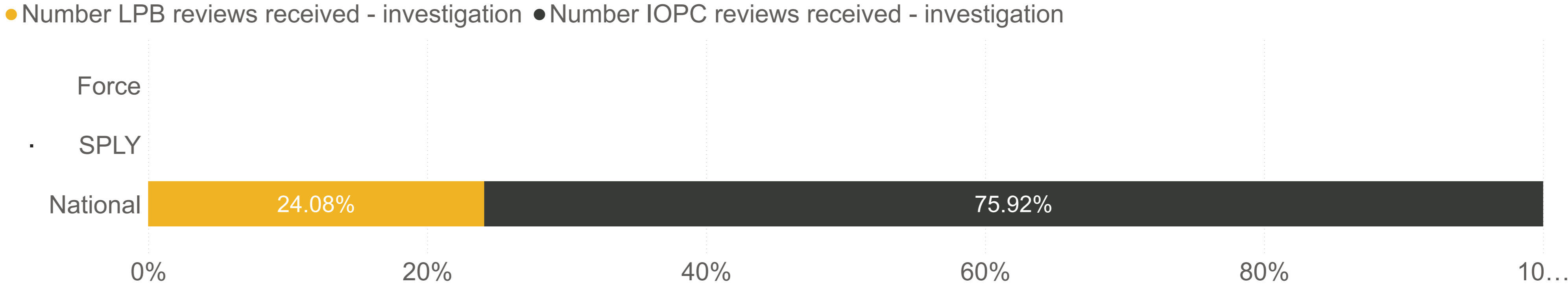
Section C1: Reviews received and timeliness (Year to date)

This section presents data on the number of reviews received about this force by the IOPC and by the local policing body. The charts enable you to see the proportion of each review type being received by the two bodies. For information on when the IOPC should be the review body, please see our [Statutory Guidance](#)

Non-investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	1	
SPLY	0	
National	2,868	1,076

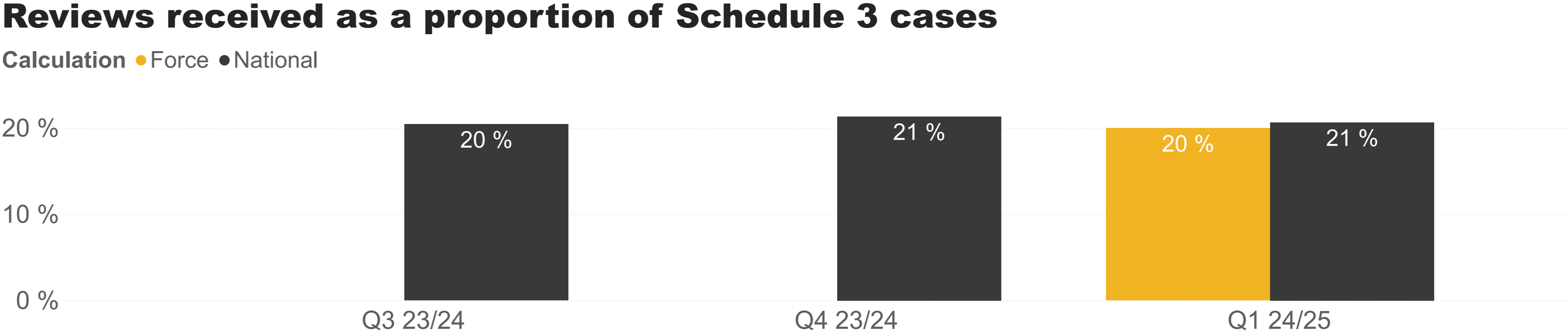


Investigation reviews received	LPB	IOPC
Force	0	
SPLY	0	
National	230	725



Complaints are not finalised until after any reviews are completed. However, this measure helps to provide an indication of how often reviews are made in comparison to the number of complaints completed.

	Reviews received	Schedule 3 complaints finalised
Force	1	10
SPLY	0	15
National	4,899	23,364



	Force	SPLY	National
Average number of working days to complete Local Policing Body reviews	0	0	48
Average number of working days to complete IOPC reviews			137

Section C2: Outcomes on reviews

This section presents information about the decisions made on reviews including the proportion of reviews that found the outcome of the complaint was not reasonable and proportionate, those which resulted in a recommendation and, if necessary, a direction to the appropriate authority in respect of any person serving with the police. Please note: Numbers are not available for the MSF Average - % only. Contact the IOPC for specific recommendations and directions made as these are not available in this data set

Investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed investigation (IOPC)	Upheld investigation (IOPC)	Completed investigation (LPB)	Upheld investigation (LPB)
Force			0	
SPLY			0	
National	631	201	215	57

Non-investigation reviews (YTD)	Completed non-investigation (IOPC)	Upheld non-investigation (IOPC)	Completed non-investigation (LPB)	Upheld non-investigation (LPB)
Force			0	
SPLY			0	
National	729	226	2,774	578

% IOPC reviews upheld - Force

% LPB Reviews upheld - Force



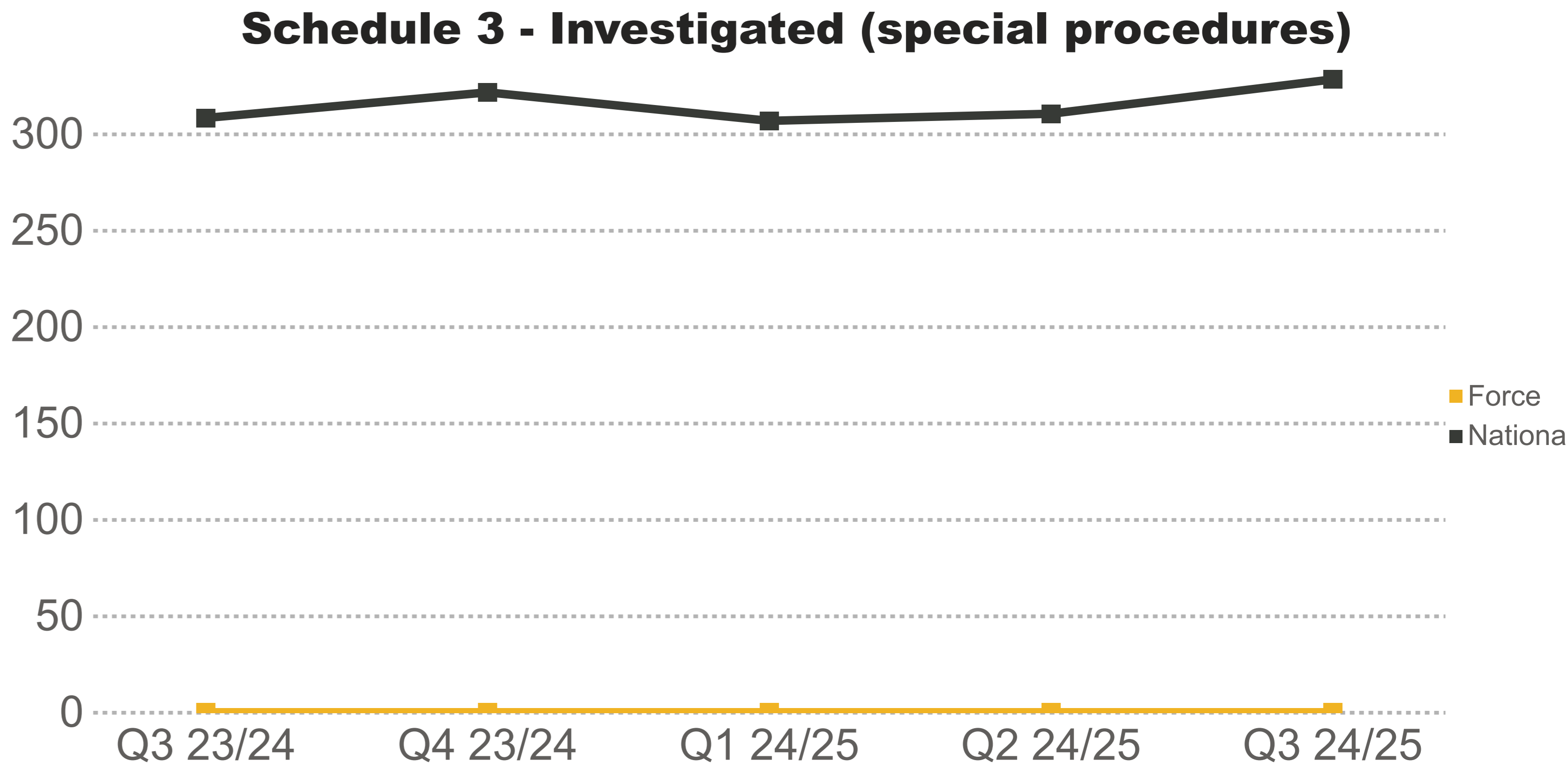
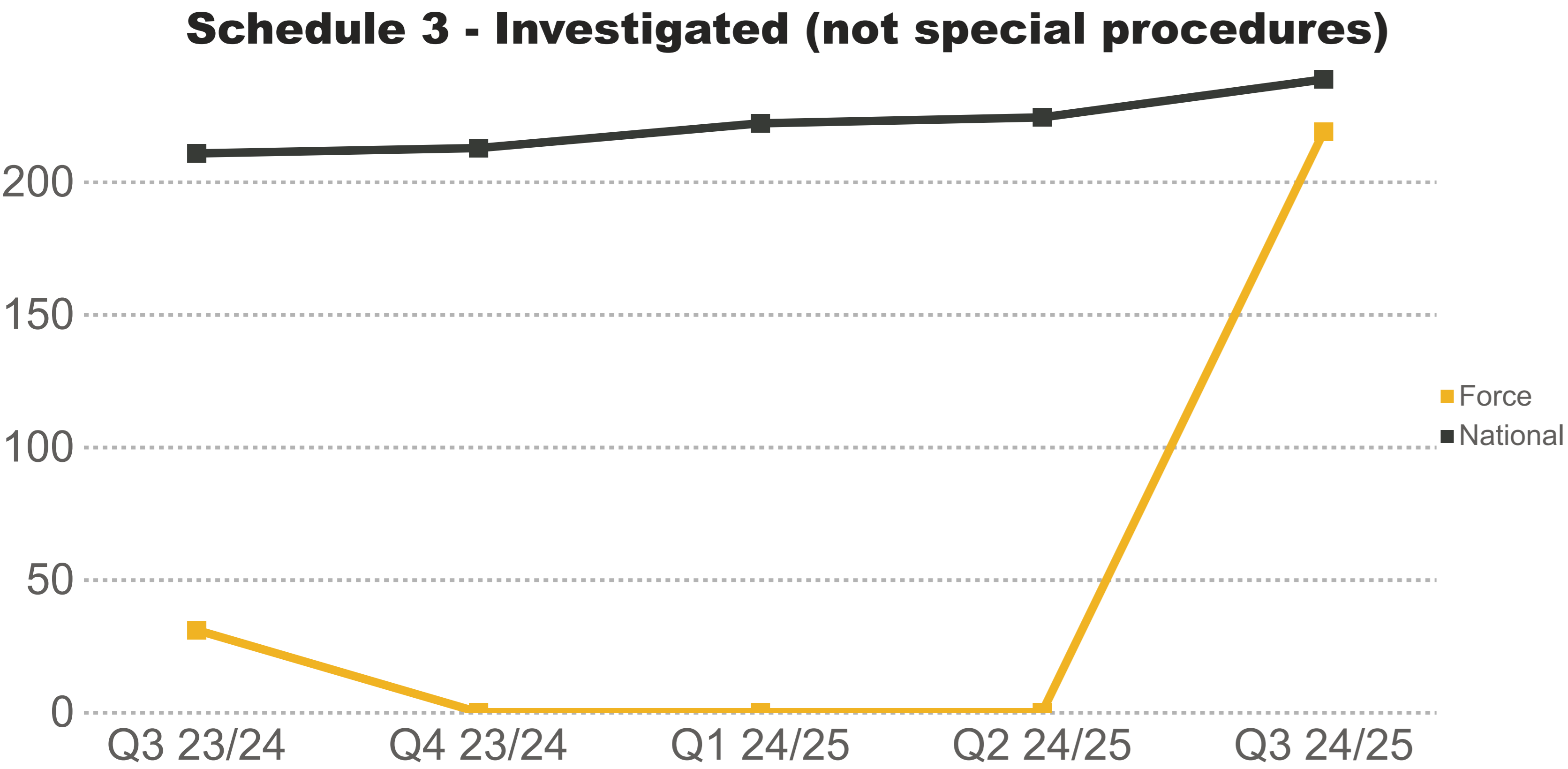
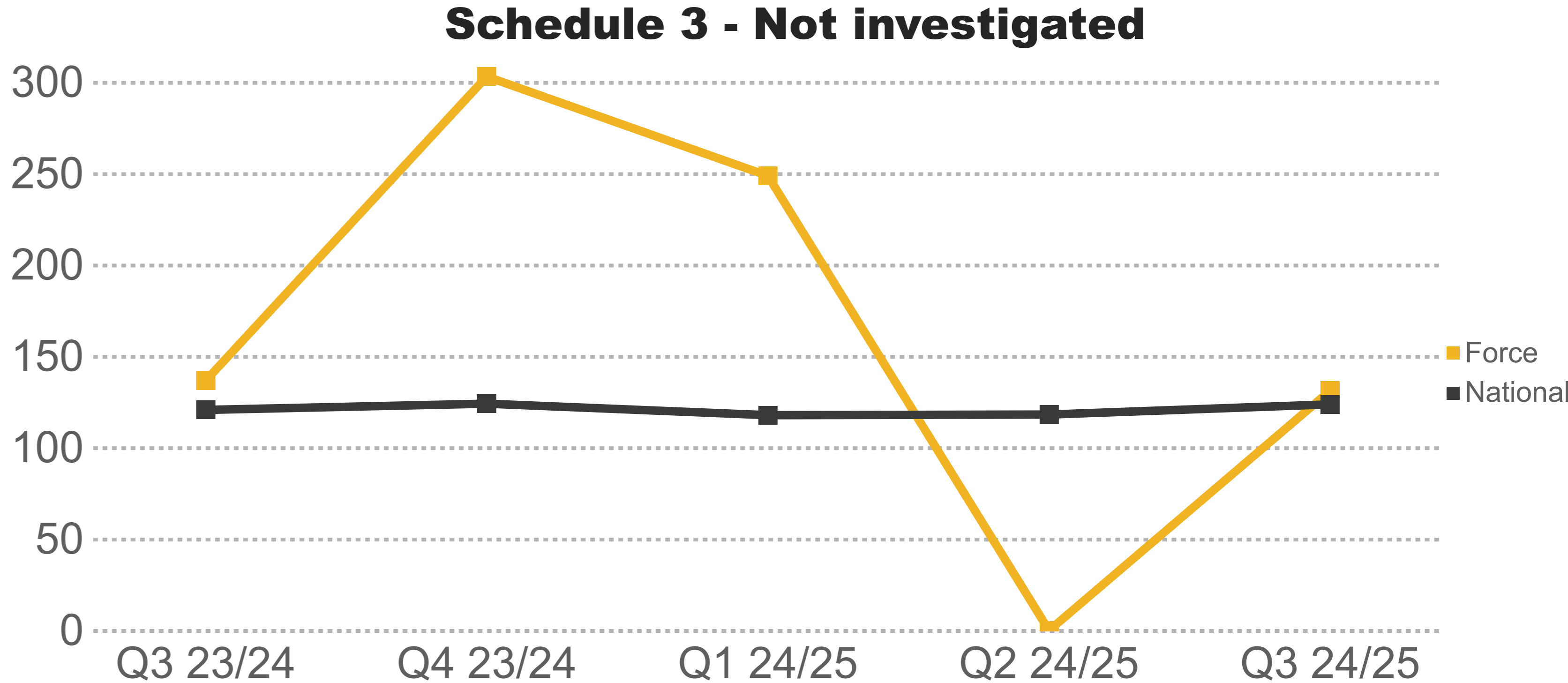
Section D1: Complaint cases finalised under Schedule 3 - timeliness

This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, the below figures include the time a case may spend suspended due to criminal matters.

Complaint cases with 'invalid dates' have been removed from the data shown. Please refer to the [IOPC website](#) performance framework counting rules and calculations on the for an explanation of invalid dates. For more information on the proportion of complaints handled under each method (along with outside if Schedule 3) please see page 14

Average working days to finalise (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	National
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)	0	0	315
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	219	31	228
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	197	122	120
Total	199	116	142

Number finalised (Year to date)	Force	SPLY	National
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	9	14	19,007
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	1	1	3,833
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)			524
Total	10	15	23,364



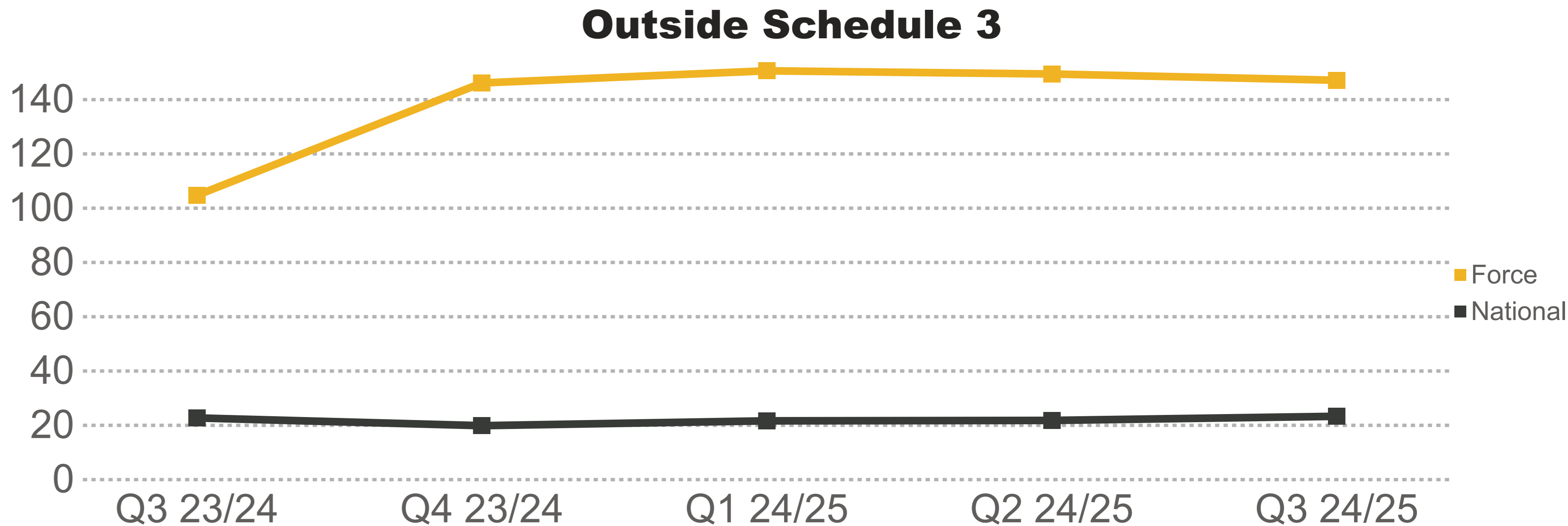
Section D2: Complaint cases finalised outside of Schedule 3 - timeliness

This section shows the time it takes the force to finalise complaint cases from the customer's perspective. It gives a breakdown of the time taken to finalise complaint cases handled formally under Schedule 3. Timeliness is calculated from the date the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, the below figures include the time a case may spend suspended due to criminal matters.

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Year to date

	Force	SPLY	National
Complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	234	120	43520
Average days to finalise complaint cases handled outside of Schedule 3	149	74	22



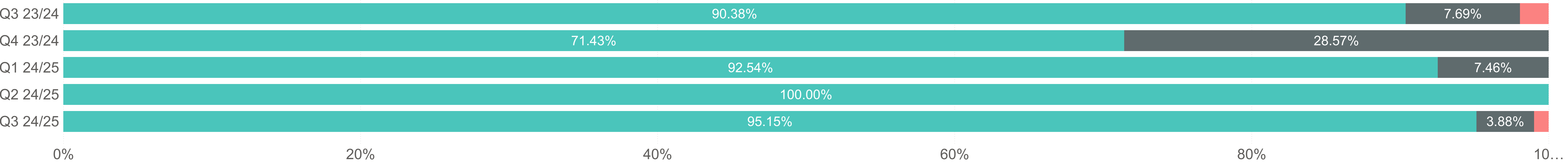
Section D3: How complaint cases handled

This section shows the proportion of complaint cases handled by the force, most similar for group and nationally under each method of handling. The table covers data recorded in the period as per 'Reporting Period' above, while the below chart concerns the force only using the last four quarters of available data.

Means Of Handling	Force		SPLY		National	
	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised	Complaints Finalised	% Finalised
Outside of Schedule 3	234	96%	120	89%	43,520	65%
Under Schedule 3 - not investigated	9	4%	14	10%	19,007	28%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)	1	0%	1	1%	3,834	6%
Under Schedule 3 investigated (subject to special procedures)					524	1%
Total	244	100%	135	100%	66,885	100%

Force: percent of complaint cases finalised by handling method

Means Of Handling ● Outside of Schedule 3 ● Under Schedule 3 - not investigated ● Under Schedule 3 investigated (not subject to special procedures)



Section E: Referrals

The figures presented in this section include all referrals that the force makes to the IOPC (received), not just those arising from complaints.

When the IOPC receives a referral from the force, it reviews the information they have provided. The IOPC decides whether the matter requires an investigation, and the type of investigation.

Referrals may have been completed in a different period to when they were received.

Where a referral is made by the force on a mandatory basis but does not meet the mandatory referral criteria, the matter may not fall within the IOPC’s remit to assess and will be determined invalid.

The sum of decisions may not match the number of referrals completed. This is because some matters referred may have come to the attention of the appropriate authority before 1 February 2020 and have investigation type decisions of either managed or supervised.

Year to date

	Force	SPLY	National
Number referrals received			5,168
Number referrals completed			5,081
Decision: Independent Investigation			279
Decision: Directed Investigation			23
Decision: Local Investigation			2,754
Decision: Return to Force			1,907
Decision: Invalid			116

Force and MSF Group referrals received

Most Similar Force (MSF) Group:

Notes

Data sources

- Data in this bulletin is taken from XML data submissions made by forces to the IOPC every quarter except for IOPC performance data which is taken from the IOPC case management system.
- Police force employee numbers are taken from the latest [police workforce England and Wales statistics](#) published by the Home Office.
- The most similar force (MSF) groups used for the calculation of the MSF averages in this bulletin are those determined by HMICFRS. Please note that the British Transport Police and City of London Police do not have an MSF group. A list of the MSF groups is available on the [IOPC website](#).
- Figures for City of London include complaint cases logged in relation to 'Action Fraud'. Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. The service is run by the City of London Police, which is the national policing lead for economic crime.

Performance Framework counting rules and calculation

- The counting rules and calculations used to produce the data shown in this bulletin can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Average times are presented in working days and do not include weekends or bank holidays.
- Some percentages may add up to more or less than 100% due to rounding.
- Complaint cases and allegations with invalid start/end dates have been removed from average time calculations. Therefore, the numbers of complaint cases and allegations used in the average time calculations may be lower than the total number of complaint cases and allegations logged or finalised.

Data constraints

- The data is sourced from live case management systems and provides a snapshot of information as it was at that time. Therefore, there may be variances between the information in this bulletin and information reported at a later date.

Further Information

- A glossary providing a full list of definitions used in this bulletin, can be found on the [IOPC website](#).
- Additional information about the recording of police complaints, including the definitions of the complaint categories, can be found in appendix A of the IOPC's [Guidance on capturing data about police complaints](#).
- Information about how the police complaints system operates, who can complain and how reviews are dealt with can be found in the IOPC's [Statutory Guidance on the police complaints system \(February 2020\)](#).