

# Corruption Cost Russia \$271M in the Last 2 Years – Chief Investigator

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Crimes involving corruption have cost Russia more than \$271 million in the past two years, the country's chief investigator said Wednesday.

Alexander Bastrykin, head of the Investigative Committee, told a meeting of the State Duma's security and anti-corruption committee that the damages amounted to more than 9 billion rubles. However, 4 billion rubles had been recovered in the form of property seized from people convicted of corruption.

Bastrykin also disclosed that more than 1,600 lawmakers and local government officials at various levels of responsibility had been prosecuted for corruption in 2012-13, as well as 16 judges and 216 lawyers.

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