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Dear Graham Simpson MSP

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-16757

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQ indicated that it relates to operational matters within the responsibility of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service corporate body. I am now writing to you in response to the matter you have raised.

S5W-16757 asks: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-15891 by Annabelle Ewing on 18 April 2018 and the subsequent response from the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service, what target has been set for waiting times between an application being submitted and a hearing date for evictions and civil proceedings, and what the target waiting time was when the function was previously undertaken by sheriff courts.

Answer:

Within the Tribunal the average period between an application being submitted and a hearing being held is 9.5 weeks. This is comparable with the previous Sheriff Court performance indicator to hold hearings within 10 weeks.

Since the creation of the Tribunal approximately 1200 applications have been received in the first six months compared to a previous annual profile of 700 in the Sheriff Courts. Key Performance Indicators for the Tribunal will be formalised over the current year.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre and published on the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric McQueen'.

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