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Dear Mr Pearson

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION – S4W 02903**

You asked how many pleadings by video conference took place during the three financial years: (a) 2008-09, (b) 2009-10 and (c) 2010-11. The Cabinet Secretary for Justice passed this question to me as it concerns a matter that falls within the general responsibilities of the Scottish Court Service. I am sorry that I am only now letting you have a reply but we have been looking at whether it might have been possible to provide the information you are looking for.

We do not hold these figures centrally and, having checked, find that they would only be available from a manual trawl of court records. I am therefore very sorry that the information would only be available at disproportionate cost.

I am sorry that I am not in a position to be of more assistance on this occasion.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleanor A Emberson".

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