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Dear Ms Mitchell

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S3W-39154 – FIXED PENALTIES
WRITTEN OFF**

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above Parliamentary Question indicated that this related to an operational matter being the responsibility of the Scottish Court Service corporate body. I am now writing to you regarding the matter you raised.

Parliamentary Question S3W-39154 asks *how many unpaid fixed penalty notices have been written off in each of the last three years, broken down by (a) sheriff court and (b) offence committed.*

Information relating to the enforcement and recovery of all financial penalties, including Police Antisocial Behaviour Fixed Penalties, is now published in quarterly reports on the Scottish Court Service website.

The reports, which span the last three financial years, can be accessed at www.scotcourts.gov.uk/courtsadmin/scs_strategy.asp and contain details of Police Antisocial Behavior Fixed Penalties which have been discharged, broken down at both Sheriffdom and Court level. Data on the offence committed does not form part of that analysis and its extraction would incur disproportionate cost.

To avoid double counting, unpaid £40 Police Antisocial Behaviour Fixed Penalties are discharged when they become £60 Court Registered Fines.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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