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Dear Ms Baker

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS S4W-11231, S4W-11232, S4W-11236, S4W-11237 AND S4W-11238

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

S4W-11231 asks: how many jury trials at (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court were called but adjourned for lack of court time in the last five years.

The information is shown in the table below.

Sheriff and Jury Trials Called and Adjourned due to Lack of Court Time

Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court	Sheriff and Jury Trials Called	Adjourned due to lack of court time	% Sheriff and Jury trials adjourned due to lack of court time
2007-08	68	2	3%
2008-09	76	3	4%
2009-10	49	3	6%
2010-11	21	0	-
2011-12	65	1	2%

Dunfermline Sheriff Court	Sheriff and Jury Trials Called	Adjourned due to lack of court time	% Sheriff and Jury trials adjourned due to lack of court time
2007-08	30	0	-
2008-09	27	2	7%
2009-10	17	1	6%
2010-11	28	0	-
2011-12	23	0	-

S4W-11232 asks: how many summary procedures without a jury at (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court were called but adjourned for lack of court time in the last five years.

The information is shown in the table below.

Summary Called and Adjourned due to Lack of Court Time

Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court	Summary trials called	Summary trials adjourned due to lack of court time	% Summary trials adjourned due to lack of court time
2007-08	1,430	57	4%
2008-09	1,853	130	7%
2009-10	1,479	124	8%
2010-11	1,177	34	3%
2011-12	1,133	90	8%

Dunfermline Sheriff Court	Summary trials called	Summary trials adjourned due to lack of court time	% Summary trials adjourned due to lack of court time
2007-08	565	8	1%
2008-09	600	38	6%
2009-10	512	33	6%
2010-11	565	14	2%
2011-12	567	18	3%

S4W-11236 asks: whether the Fife Drugs Court in Kirkcaldy will be closed as a result of changes proposed in the Scottish Court Service's consultation on court structures.

There are no plans for the operation of the Fife Drugs Court in Kirkcaldy to be affected by the Scottish Court Service Consultation on Court Structures.

S4W-11237 asks: how many days the Fife Drug Court has sat at (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court in the last five years.

The number of days the Fife Drugs Court sat

	Dunfermline Sheriff Court	Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court
2008	25	100
2009	25	98
2010	24	94
2011	26	102
2012 to end November	23	92

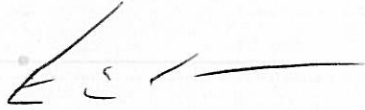
Note: The Fife Drugs Court sits in Dunfermline Sheriff Court 1 day per fortnight and in Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court 2 days per week.

S4W-11238 asks: how many Fife Drug Court appearances at (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court were called but adjourned for lack of court time in the last five years.

No hearings at the Fife Drug Courts in Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline Sheriff Court have been adjourned due to lack of court time.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Eric McQueen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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