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Dear Ms Mitchell

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S4W-24725

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-24725 asks (a) how many and (b) what type of weapons have been seized in Airdrie Sheriff Court in each of the last five years.

Weapon confiscations at Airdrie Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court are conducted by contracted security staff that are deployed there on a rotational basis with other Sheriff Courts. Recorded data in this respect, specific to Airdrie Sheriff Court & Justice of the Peace Court is available from 1 January 2012 and a tabulated summary of quantities and types of weapons is stated below:

Item	2012	2013	2014	2015 (Jan – Feb)	Totals
Box cutter	-	-	-	2	2
Chain	-	-	8	-	8
Cutlery	1	-	1	-	2
Multi tool	1	-	1	-	2
Nail files	2	1	9	-	12
Pen knives	9	6	5	7	27
Razor	-	-	1	-	1
Scissors	8	8	11	1	28

Screwdrivers	2	-	7	-	9
Stanley knife	-	-	1	-	1
Steel comb	1	-	-	-	1
Syringe	35	2	12	3	52
Wrench	-	-	1	-	1

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

Yours sincerely



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