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Dear Mark Ruskell MSP

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-16508

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-16508 asks: *To ask the Scottish Government how many disqualification orders have been issued in Scotland under section 40 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 in each of the last five years, and how many of these have been breached.*

I have appended our response to this question within **Annex A** to this letter.

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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Disqualification Orders & Breaches From Animal Health And Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 charges listed below						
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
Number of disqualification orders ¹	15	19	16	14	17	81
Number of Breach cases ²	1	1	2	3	2	9

NOTES:

(1) where accused having at least one of the following charges on the final case disposal

Charge Code	Charge Description
ANHW200600230100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(1)A KEEP ANIMAL FOR FIGHT
ANHW200600230200	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(2)(D) BET ANIMAL FIGHT
ANHW200600230201	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(2) TAKE PART ANIMAL FIGHT
ANHW200600230202	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(2)C ARRANGE ANIMAL FIGHT
ANHW200600230300	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(3) PRESENT AT ANIMAL FIGHT
ANHW200600230400	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S23(4) VIDEO OF ANIMAL FIGHT
ANHW200600231800	ANIMAL HEALTH&WELFARE 2006 S23(1)(B) POSSESS FIGHT EQUIPMENT
ANHW200600310100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S31(1) OFFER ANIMAL AS PRIZE
ANHW200600200100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S20(1)(A) PROHIBITED PROCEDURE
ANHW200600200101	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S20(1)(B) PROHIBITED PROCEDURE
ANHW200600200200	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S20(2) PROHIBITED PROCEDURE
ANHW200600200300	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S20(3) TAKE PROTECTED ANIMAL
ANHW200600210100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S21(1) OP NO DUE CARE HUMANITY
ANHW200600210200	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S21(2) CRUEL OPERATIONS
ANHW200600270100	ANIMAL HEALTH & SAFETY 2006 S27(1) SELL ACQUIRE NO LICENCE
ANHW200600300100	ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 S30(1)
ANHW200600401100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S40(11) BREACH DISQUALIF ORDER
ANHW200600011401	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 SCH 1 PARA 14(1) FAIL TO COMPLY
ANHW200600011402	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE ACT 2006 SCH1 PARA14(2) OBSTRUCTION
ANHW200600011501	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE ACT 2006 SCH 1 PARA15(1) OBSTRUCTION
ANHW200600190100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S19(1) CAUSE SUFFERING
ANHW200600190101	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S19(1) ATTEMPT CAUSE SUFFERING
ANHW200600190200	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S19(2) CAUSE SUFFERING
ANHW200600190300	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S19(3) CAUSE SUFFERING
ANHW200600190301	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S19(3) CAUSE SUFFERING
ANHW200600221800	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S22(1)(B) CAUSE POSION/INJ DRUG
ANHW200600240000	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S24 FAIL MEET NEEDS OF ANIMAL
ANHW200600250000	ANIMAL HEALTH WELFARE ACT S25 2006 FAIL COMPLY CARE NOTICE
ANHW200600290100	ANIMAL HEALTH WELFARE ACT 2006 S29(1)(A)(B) ABANDON ANIMAL
ANHW200600290200	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S29(2) UNATTENDED ANIMAL

(2) where the accused had the following charge on the case registration

ANHW200600401100	ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE 2006 S40(11) BREACH DISQUALIF ORDER
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The charge codes can be found on the Scottish Government's website:

www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/DataSource/ChargeCodes/chargecodes

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