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Dear Mr Macdonald

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-11250

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-11250 asks: *how many (a) warning letters, (b) court citations and (c) warrants to apprehend have been issued by courts in each sheriffdom in each year since 2007-08 to offenders who have defaulted on their fines, broken down by fine type.*

I have appended the information requested in the tables at Annex A of 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

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Annex A - Warning Letters, Citations and Warrants Issued in Each Sheriffdom

		Warning Letters										
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Glasgow and Strathkelvin	Sheriff-Court Fines	10,686	5,116	3,242	2,476	2,402	2,390	3,157	3,925	3,332	3,537	
	JP-Court Fines	0	1,263	7,442	8,387	6,162	7,451	7,775	8,611	7,613	5,631	
	Fiscal Fines	0	12,253	11,458	18,362	13,257	17,043	22,934	28,558	20,391	13,961	
	ASB Fines	0	320	7,894	32,385	13,919	19,804	22,354	35,602	23,838	11,355	
Grampian Highlands and Islands	Sheriff-Court Fines	12,418	10,898	7,213	3,610	3,352	2,782	2,372	2,627	3,074	2,823	
	JP-Court Fines	0	2,263	3,850	3,438	3,011	2,713	2,875	3,186	3,072	3,547	
	Fiscal Fines	0	7,308	4,209	3,185	4,739	4,116	3,687	3,039	3,546	3,515	
	ASB Fines	0	1,477	1,480	925	1,097	1,097	1,277	1,194	1,103	1,080	
Lothian and Borders	Sheriff-Court Fines	12,132	14,867	10,846	11,109	9,834	6,910	4,087	3,927	4,040	3,500	
	JP-Court Fines	1	4,066	5,921	6,011	6,139	5,490	4,034	3,557	3,300	2,662	
	Fiscal Fines	0	8,658	12,855	12,720	14,540	16,182	9,495	5,298	5,282	3,398	
	ASB Fines	0	1,663	3,574	3,772	2,560	2,337	1,616	956	905	440	
North Strathclyde	Sheriff-Court Fines	10,062	8,606	6,599	4,604	3,991	3,653	3,168	3,007	2,650	2,192	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	149	3,707	3,063	3,119	3,352	3,777	2,335	2,107	
	Fiscal Fines	0	11,053	12,120	6,512	7,691	7,290	6,916	8,677	6,399	4,663	
	ASB Fines	0	0	111	5,577	4,486	4,184	3,944	3,471	2,170	1,340	
South Strathclyde Dumfries & Galloway	Sheriff-Court Fines	13,131	10,876	13,900	8,683	6,827	5,530	5,472	5,906	5,990	5,868	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	1	5,961	6,224	6,247	9,643	9,418	8,187	6,490	
	Fiscal Fines	0	9,448	14,909	10,339	11,812	13,044	13,639	16,113	13,680	10,871	
	ASB Fines	0	0	0	5,901	8,557	7,364	8,093	13,963	8,742	5,480	
Tayside Central and Fife	Sheriff-Court Fines	16,956	14,264	8,589	7,502	6,109	5,614	4,646	4,072	4,235	3,652	
	JP-Court Fines	0	34	5,747	6,853	6,322	5,782	5,542	5,372	5,329	4,689	
	Fiscal Fines	0	9,728	7,216	7,603	8,443	7,833	7,984	6,519	7,995	4,932	
	ASB Fines	0	0	3,433	2,493	2,033	1,660	1,488	1,109	1,004	467	
National Total		75,386	134,161	152,758	182,115	156,570	159,635	159,550	181,884	148,212	108,200	

		Court Citations										
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Glasgow and Strathkelvin	Sheriff-Court Fines	2,772	3,051	1,394	1,406	2,174	1,078	983	1,034	1,362	1,542	
	JP-Court Fines	0	3	860	1,255	1,345	1,124	1,575	1,857	2,762	3,225	
	Fiscal Fines	0	715	963	1,508	910	1,875	2,982	3,691	3,986	4,544	
	ASB Fines	0	0	70	314	757	1,994	3,706	4,172	4,354	4,517	
Grampian Highlands and Islands	Sheriff-Court Fines	5,895	3,141	3,488	3,951	2,982	2,821	2,400	2,934	3,152	2,260	
	JP-Court Fines	0	6	898	2,000	1,943	2,829	1,792	2,070	2,644	2,410	
	Fiscal Fines	0	467	962	2,623	1,908	3,947	2,188	2,940	3,888	3,640	
	ASB Fines	0	11	133	460	484	1,080	582	810	1,268	1,117	
Lothian and Borders	Sheriff-Court Fines	3,028	3,457	5,447	5,571	7,082	4,162	2,701	2,738	2,210	1,745	
	JP-Court Fines	0	143	1,453	1,546	2,316	2,040	1,085	1,705	1,250	1,048	
	Fiscal Fines	0	488	2,410	3,246	3,674	3,600	2,619	2,798	2,239	1,140	
	ASB Fines	0	126	305	1,164	910	736	419	429	465	171	
North Strathclyde	Sheriff-Court Fines	4,398	4,314	3,424	3,193	3,634	3,189	3,359	3,107	2,516	1,898	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	5	448	1,244	1,201	1,885	2,067	2,605	2,203	
	Fiscal Fines	0	1,226	1,630	2,650	3,342	3,036	3,693	4,689	5,695	5,927	
	ASB Fines	0	0	1	524	1,313	1,858	2,371	2,674	2,936	2,259	
South Strathclyde Dumfries & Galloway	Sheriff-Court Fines	4,353	3,030	2,554	3,579	2,931	3,813	2,858	2,544	2,080	1,570	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	0	139	761	1,566	2,310	2,844	2,753	1,727	
	Fiscal Fines	0	126	1,156	1,340	3,579	7,053	4,151	6,928	4,028	2,317	
	ASB Fines	0	0	4	154	625	2,003	2,056	4,063	2,469	1,063	
Tayside Central and Fife	Sheriff-Court Fines	7,315	7,843	6,868	9,033	7,438	6,613	5,574	4,251	4,735	3,611	
	JP-Court Fines	0	1	1,156	4,883	5,867	4,741	4,135	3,884	4,341	4,013	
	Fiscal Fines	0	1,641	4,400	6,592	8,912	8,356	8,460	5,862	9,635	5,442	
	ASB Fines	0	1	575	2,930	2,442	1,917	1,785	1,340	1,636	825	
National Total		27,761	29,790	40,156	60,509	68,573	72,632	65,669	71,431	75,009	60,214	

		Warrants Issued										
		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
Glasgow and Strathkelvin	Sheriff-Court Fines	1,322	899	340	609	993	513	467	459	576	683	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	118	502	647	462	745	844	1,142	1,348	
	Fiscal Fines	0	6	283	719	451	981	1,651	1,898	1,817	1,993	
	ASB Fines	0	0	6	131	385	1,000	1,819	2,276	2,018	2,019	
Grampian Highlands and Islands	Sheriff-Court Fines	2,238	958	1,234	1,397	1,218	953	1,068	1,156	1,293	856	
	JP-Court Fines	0	1	355	748	808	1,203	872	918	1,115	999	
	Fiscal Fines	0	62	357	1,148	834	1,862	1,044	1,131	1,667	1,423	
	ASB Fines	0	1	51	192	270	364	281	375	530	431	
Lothian and Borders	Sheriff-Court Fines	1,461	657	1,761	2,482	3,741	2,089	1,301	1,188	1,085	859	
	JP-Court Fines	0	26	645	647	1,386	1,186	594	927	652	505	
	Fiscal Fines	0	48	1,189	1,836	2,909	2,730	1,965	1,842	1,478	669	
	ASB Fines	0	23	154	708	817	583	336	321	313	113	
North Strathclyde	Sheriff-Court Fines	1,804	1,953	1,380	1,232	1,431	1,284	1,354	1,352	1,104	871	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	1	207	477	526	744	951	1,090	1,054	
	Fiscal Fines	0	48	666	1,154	1,451	1,390	1,515	2,094	2,719	2,479	
	ASB Fines	0	0	2	164	563	866	939	1,212	1,288	886	
South Strathclyde Dumfries & Galloway	Sheriff-Court Fines	1,838	498	1,229	1,777	1,379	1,831	1,273	1,166	984	698	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	0	68	354	739	1,113	1,277	1,556	856	
	Fiscal Fines	0	82	645	877	1,699	3,347	2,179	3,505	2,130	1,214	
	ASB Fines	0	0	0	115	454	874	1,190	1,989	1,252	513	
Tayside Central and Fife	Sheriff-Court Fines	2,674	2,941	2,344	3,329	2,702	2,434	2,082	1,760	1,853	1,427	
	JP-Court Fines	0	0	452	1,842	2,537	1,944	1,819	1,497	1,992	1,789	
	Fiscal Fines	0	609	1,955	2,741	3,795	3,671	4,218	2,810	4,571	2,581	
	ASB Fines	0	0	293	1,284	1,168	880	997	654	819	426	
National Total		11,337	8,812	15,460	25,909	32,469	33,712	31,566	33,602	35,044	26,692	