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Dear Ms McNeill,

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS (S5W-17963, S5W-17965, S5W-17966, S5W-17967)

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQ's indicated that they relate 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-17963: *To ask the Scottish Government how many appeals against rent increases the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland has overseen, and how many of these resulted in the rent (a) not increasing, (b) increasing by the amount proposed by the landlord and (c) increasing by an amount greater than that proposed by the landlord.*

The First Tier Tribunal have overseen 62 cases; 31 new applications received and 31 brought forward from the Private Rented Housing Panel prior to 1 December 2016.

Outcomes:

- (a) Rent not increasing – 7 cases
- (b) Rent increasing by the amount proposed by the landlord- 1 case
- (c) Rent increasing by an amount greater than that proposed by the landlord- 3 cases

The remaining application outcomes are below:

10 cases are awaiting an outcome
12 cases were withdrawn by the applicant
29 cases where the rent increased by an amount lower than that proposed by the landlord.

S5W-17965: *To ask the Scottish Government how many appeals for a review of the initial ruling of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland have been accepted.*

There have been a total of 73 appeals for a review to the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland; 12 of which have been accepted.

S5W-17966: *To ask the Scottish Government what the outcome was of any reviews that have been accepted of an initial ruling on rent increases by the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland.*

There have been no appeals of a review under rent which have been accepted by the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland.

S5W-17967 To ask the Scottish Government what the outcome was of each of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland's rulings on rent increases, and what methodology was used to determine each ruling.

Each case is considered by independent Tribunal's and all decisions are made publically available from the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) website. A copy of all decisions made can be found at the below link:

<https://www.housingandpropertychamber.scot/rent/rent-decisions>

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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