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Dear Mr Stewart

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S4W-21155
FUTURE PLANS FOR INVERNESS SHERIFF COURT**

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 (SCS) corporate body. I am now writing to you in response to the matter you have raised.

S4W-21155 asks: whether it plans to relocate Inverness Sheriff Court from Inverness Castle to a purpose built facility and, if so, what budget will be set aside for this.

The SCS has no plans to relocate Inverness Sheriff Court from its current site, Inverness Castle.

If a better public or civic use can be identified for Inverness Castle and appropriate funding is provided to construct a replacement court facility then the SCS would be willing to consider feasible options.

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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