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Dear Mr Simpson

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-15891

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-15891 asks: To ask the Scottish Government how many applications the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) has received relating to evictions and civil proceedings since 1 December 2017; how many of these are awaiting a hearing, and what the average waiting time is between an application being submitted and its hearing.

1. How many applications the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) has received relating to evictions and civil proceedings since 1 December 2017?

815 applications have been received up to 30 April 2018.

2. How many of these are awaiting a hearing?

Out of these, 290 applications are pending a hearing.

3. What the average waiting time is between an application being submitted and its hearing?

Average waiting time is 9.5 weeks.

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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