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Dear Mr Simpson

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS **S5W-16417, S5W-16419**

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQs 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-16417 asks: *To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of the turnaround time for each application to the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) for Evictions and Civil Proceedings from application to hearing date*

The current average waiting time from application to hearing is 9.5 weeks.

S5W-16419 asks: *To ask the Scottish Government what analysis of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) it has undertaken in relation to performance including (a) quality of decisions, (b) efficiency of the department and (c) timeliness of hearings after the application made date.*

The SCTS provides administrative support to the First Tier Tribunal and its members. In line with the principle of judicial independence, it has no role in assessing or evaluating the content or quality of decisions made by the Tribunal. The efficiency and programming of hearings are an operational matter for SCTS. Performance is monitored monthly and the current average waiting time from application to hearing 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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