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Dear Mr Greene

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS S6W-18730, S6W-18731, S6W-18732 & S6W-18733

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQ's indicated that they related to operational matters within the responsibility of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service corporate body.

I am now writing in response to the matters raised and have provided answers to each of the questions asked below.

S6W-18730 : To ask the Scottish Government how many Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) staff are currently on the SCTS Carer register, including as a proportion of the total SCTS workforce.

SCTS currently has 204 employees on the Carers Register. This equates to 10.3% of the total SCTS workforce.

S6W-18731: To ask the Scottish Government how many interest-free loans, up to a maximum of £5,000, have been used by Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service staff for the purchase of specialised equipment through the SCTS Respite Care Scheme, and whether it will outline the total value of any such loans, broken down by each year in which the scheme has been active.

No interest-free loans have been used by SCTS staff for the purchase of specialised equipment through the SCTS Respite Care Scheme.

S6W-18732: To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Equality Advisory Group last met, and what was discussed.

The Equality Advisory Group (EAG) last met on 23 May 2023.

In that meeting the following items were on the agenda and discussed:

- *Approval of the minutes and action points from the previous EAG meeting on 23 February 2023.*
- *Equality and Diversity Progress Report – an update on progress to date in delivering the Equalities Action Plan and the British Sign Language Plan.*
- *EAG Role Going Forward.*

Discussion points:

1. *How to get the best out of future meetings.*
2. *Retrospective overview of group to date*
3. *TOR review*
4. *New Chair Election*

S6W-18733: To ask the Scottish Government how many people are employed in the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service's Equality and Diversity team, broken down by job title, and what the total value is of their combined salaries.

Total number of employees in Equality and Diversity team:

- 2

Job Titles:

- *HRU Strategic Partner: Equalities and Diversity and Inclusion; and*
- *HRU Equalities and Diversity Manager*

Combined total value of salaries:

- £79,141

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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