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Dear Ms Baker

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS S4W-09851 to S4W-09855

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

S4W-09851: To ask the Scottish Government how many Jury trials have taken place at (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court in each of the last five years.

Sheriff Court: jury trials	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
(a) Kirkcaldy	68	76	49	21	65
(b) Dunfermline	30	27	17	28	23

S4W-09852: To ask the Scottish Government for how many days (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court has sat in each of the last five years.

Sheriff Court: sitting days	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
(a) Kirkcaldy	882	990	938	887	903
(b) Dunfermline	558	559	557	555	522

S4W-09853: To ask the Scottish Government how many Indictments have been registered in (a) Kirkcaldy and (b) Dunfermline Sheriff Court in each of the last fiveyears.

Sheriff Court: registered indictments	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
(a) Kirkcaldy	239	165	164	123	178
(b) Dunfermline	130	85	85	84	91

S4W-09854: To ask the Scottish Government for how many days Kirkcaldy Justice of the Peace Court has sat in each of the last five years.

Kirkcaldy JP court superseded the District Court in Kirkcaldy (previously administered by Fife Council) with effect from 23 February 2009. The records for JP court sitting days held under the administration of the Scottish Court Service only run from that date.

JP Court – sitting days	23 Feb to March 2009	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012- present
Kirkcaldy	6	89	96	96	48

S4W-09855: To ask the Scottish Government how many Indictments have been registered at Kirkcaldy Justice of the Peace Court in each of the last five years.

JP Court – *complaints registered	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Kirkcaldy	n/a	163**	1772	1309	1278

Notes

I hope the above information is helpful.

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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^{*} Indictments are not applicable in Justice of the Peace Courts therefore we have supplied the number of complaints registered instead

^{**} Partial data due to court unification