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Dear Mr Macdonald

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S4W-10194
Part-time Sheriffs Employment

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-10194 asks: *how many (a) re-employed retired and (b) part-time sheriffs have been employed in each month since April 2007, broken down by sheriffdom.*

In answer to your question, I have appended the information held by the Scottish Court Service. As you request monthly information, I have inferred that what you seek is how many re-employed retired and part-time sheriffs have been used rather than how many have been appointed during the period. In addition, the operational information in this regard is held in terms of days rather than numbers of individuals.

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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PART-TIME SHERIFF DAYS USED

| Sheriffdom | Apr-07 | May-07 | Jun-07 | Jul-07 | Aug-07 | Sep-07 | Oct-07 | Nov-07 | Dec-07 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 64 | 94 | 84 | 79 | 96 | 71 | 74 | 81 | 69 |
| North Strathclyde | 58 | 78 | 75 | 71 | 89 | 80 | 80 | 95 | 67 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 43 | 39 | 51 | 59 | 44 | 40 | 65 | 50 | 29 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 84 | 98 | 83 | 95 | 97 | 92 | 106 | 67 | 64 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 57 | 77 | 56 | 72 | 69 | 81 | 99 | 105 | 48 |
| Lothian and Borders | 75 | 60 | 91 | 69 | 73 | 62 | 55 | 69 | 54 |

| Sheriffdom | Jan-08 | Feb-08 | Mar-08 | Apr-08 | May-08 | Jun-08 | Jul-08 | Aug-08 | Sep-08 | Oct-08 | Nov-08 | Dec-08 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 69 | 80 | 71 | 91 | 59 | 73 | 55 | 78 | 79 | 104 | 119 | 91 |
| North Strathclyde | 72 | 89 | 97 | 86 | 90 | 104 | 99 | 72 | 85 | 76 | 69 | 73 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 67 | 46 | 32 | 61 | 66 | 58 | 34 | 47 | 81 | 95 | 93 | 76 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 62 | 94 | 70 | 63 | 77 | 79 | 109 | 124 | 120 | 140 | 68 | 81 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 74 | 76 | 76 | 94 | 96 | 100 | 80 | 67 | 77 | 104 | 87 | 81 |
| Lothian and Borders | 66 | 83 | 79 | 72 | 77 | 90 | 90 | 92 | 103 | 70 | 69 | 62 |

PART-TIME SHERIFF DAYS USED (cont.)

| Sheriffdom | Jan-09 | Feb-09 | Mar-09 | Apr-09 | May-09 | Jun-09 | Jul-09 | Aug-09 | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 48 | 79 | 76 | 65 | 83 | 104 | 88 | 86 | 92 | 81 | 71 | 75 |
| North Strathclyde | 74 | 76 | 93 | 56 | 76 | 106 | 101 | 90 | 103 | 110 | 114 | 91 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 49 | 80 | 57 | 36 | 70 | 71 | 63 | 41 | 90 | 47 | 79 | 59 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 94 | 111 | 105 | 92 | 100 | 106 | 126 | 108 | 130 | 89 | 95 | 95 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 75 | 67 | 92 | 78 | 90 | 83 | 88 | 96 | 62 | 89 | 87 | 48 |
| Lothian and Borders | 60 | 85 | 104 | 122 | 83 | 77 | 90 | 78 | 105 | 114 | 75 | 74 |

| Sheriffdom | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 | Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 73 | 72 | 80 | 72 | 78 | 98 | 62 | 101 | 116 | 127 | 98 | 73 |
| North Strathclyde | 83 | 85 | 124 | 83 | 110 | 130 | 115 | 116 | 81 | 95 | 97 | 54 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 42 | 77 | 77 | 79 | 52 | 55 | 53 | 40 | 53 | 31 | 35 | 24 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 69 | 101 | 97 | 89 | 75 | 104 | 85 | 104 | 64 | 39 | 47 | 47 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 62 | 94 | 78 | 76 | 65 | 73 | 76 | 63 | 87 | 76 | 54 | 41 |
| Lothian and Borders | 81 | 75 | 65 | 70 | 71 | 54 | 50 | 65 | 46 | 53 | 55 | 49 |

PART-TIME SHERIFF DAYS USED (cont.)

| Sheriffdom | Jan-11 | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 | May-11 | Jun-11 | Jul-11 | Aug-11 | Sep-11 | Oct-11 | Nov-11 | Dec-11 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 48 | 80 | 75 | 39 | 69 | 94 | 88 | 77 | 69 | 69 | 60 | 37 |
| North Strathclyde | 53 | 55 | 66 | 50 | 54 | 77 | 72 | 66 | 72 | 91 | 91 | 81 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 21 | 26 | 33 | 39 | 34 | 27 | 18 | 17 | 28 | 33 | 32 | 27 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 38 | 58 | 58 | 63 | 67 | 70 | 91 | 57 | 72 | 59 | 55 | 53 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 35 | 49 | 77 | 78 | 73 | 72 | 59 | 71 | 78 | 68 | 74 | 45 |
| Lothian and Borders | 52 | 41 | 29 | 49 | 42 | 34 | 37 | 40 | 47 | 40 | 33 | 27 |

| Sheriffdom | Jan-12 | Feb-12 | Mar-12 | Apr-12 | May-12 | Jun-12 | Jul-12 | Aug-12 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 40 | 51 | 67 | 46 | 37 | 39 | 54 | 48 |
| North Strathclyde | 98 | 87 | 111 | 74 | 100 | 80 | 83 | 106 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 21 | 27 | 28 | 38 | 35 | 32 | 24 | 17 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 55 | 65 | 52 | 65 | 55 | 65 | 104 | 90 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 42 | 83 | 89 | 95 | 67 | 69 | 64 | 97 |
| Lothian and Borders | 13 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 32 | 45 | 47 | 38 |

RE-EMPLOYED RETIRED SHERIFF DAYS USED (we hold this data from June 2009 only)

| Sheriffdom | Jun-09 | Jul-09 | Aug-09 | Sep-09 | Oct-09 | Nov-09 | Dec-09 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Strathclyde | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 14 | 6 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 7 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 4 |
| Lothian and Borders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 |

| Sheriffdom | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 | Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Strathclyde | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 0 | 0 | 13 | 17 | 3.5 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 16.5 | 0 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 5 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Lothian and Borders | 0 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 |

RE-EMPLOYED RETIRED SHERIFF DAYS USED (cont.)

| Sheriffdom | Jan-11 | Feb-11 | Mar-11 | Apr-11 | May-11 | Jun-11 | Jul-11 | Aug-11 | Sep-11 | Oct-11 | Nov-11 | Dec-11 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Strathclyde | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 17 | 19 | 9 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 0 | 3 | 22 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 5 | 12 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| Lothian and Borders | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 16 | 12 | 22 | 17 | 3 |

| Sheriffdom | Jan-12 | Feb-12 | Mar-12 | Apr-12 | May-12 | Jun-12 | Jul-12 | Aug-12 |
|------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Glasgow and Strathkelvin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| North Strathclyde | 6 | 20 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 10 | 5 |
| South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway | 1 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 3 |
| Tayside, Central and Fife | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grampian, Highland and Islands | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Lothian and Borders | 4 | 5 | 12 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 4 |