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Dear Mr McArthur

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-31786

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQ indicated that it related to operational matters within the responsibility of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service corporate body. I am now writing in response to the matter raised.

S5W-31786 asks the Scottish Government how many High Court trials involving people (a) on and (b) not on remand there have been (i) in each of the last three calendar years and (ii) since January 2020, also broken down by how many started with the (A) 140-day and (B) 12-month time limit extended.

The information requested is set out in the table below.

Time period (Calendar years)	Number of trials called where the accused was in custody	Number of custody trials called in which the 140 day period was extended *	Number of trials called where the accused was at liberty	Number of non-custody trials called in which the 12 month period was extended *
2017	232	239	431	369
2018	221	307	491	561
2019	289	403	469	610
Jan – Aug 2020	82	112	171	137

**Trials may have the time-bar extended on more than one occasion.*

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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