

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Ms McNeill

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS S6W-39298

The Cabinet Secretary in her response to the above PQs 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.

S6W-39298 asks: how many court cases there currently are in any backlogs, and how many are solemn cases to be heard before (a) high and (b) sheriff court.

The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) publish statistics monthly which provide up to date figures on the scheduled pending criminal cases, both for solemn and summary business.

Data on criminal case volumes progressed each month in the High Court, Sheriff court and Justice of the Peace Courts, including up to date figures on the pending cases – known as 'Scheduled Trials' are contained within the SCTS Monthly Criminal Management Information (MCMI) data tables.

This publication is available on the [official statistics section](#) of our website.

The [latest](#) MCMI Data tables was published on 22 July 2025 which contains data up to end of June 2025. The next update of the MCMI is due for publication on 19 August 2025.

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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