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Dear Mr Simpson

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S4W-13821
MONEY CONFISCATED IN THE ILLEGAL SALE OF TOBACCO**

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-13821 asks: *how much money has been confiscated by the courts in each of the last five years following convictions for (i) the illegal sale of and (ii) selling illicit tobacco. (13821)*

The Scottish Court Service database showed 67 convictions relating to the illegal sale of tobacco and selling illicit tobacco from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2012. None of these convictions resulted in a confiscation or forfeiture order being applied by the courts.

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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