

# Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Ms McNeill

## SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S5W-22303

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-22303** asks the Scottish Government how many rent appeals the First-Tier Tribunal has dealt with in each year since 2015, also broken down by how many were upheld.

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) does not hear appeals against the current rent which can be refused or upheld. Instead, the Chamber deals with applications from parties to have a rent assessment carried out by a tribunal. A tribunal can then make a determination of the rent, which could be lower, higher, or the same as the original rent.

The following is a breakdown of the applications for rent determinations that have been dealt with by the Housing and Property Chamber (and the former Private Rented Housing Panel) since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. This table also identified how many of those applications dealt with had rent determinations made by a tribunal:

Year	No. of Applications	No. of Rent Determinations
2015/16	30	18
2016/17	52	35
2017/18	16	6
2018/19*	29	18

\*Figures for 2018/19 are in relation to the cases dealt with in this reporting year so far. Each reporting year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to the following 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'E' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

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