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Dear Ms Baillie

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S4W-27481

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

S4W-27481 asks: how many sheriffs will serve in the new personal injury courts; whether they will sit (a) in rotation or (b) simultaneously and what information it has regarding how many have had specific experience of personal injury cases.

The new All-Scotland Sheriff Personal Injury Court was launched on 22 September 2015. It will be presided over by 6 Sheriffs who have each been designated as Personal Injury specialists by the Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, each of whom have extensive Personal Injury knowledge and experience. The Sheriffs will preside over the All-Scotland business on a rotational basis which sees each Sheriff presiding for 2 week periods at a time.

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, appearing to read 'Eric McQueen'.

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