

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Mr Griffin

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S6W-06407

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.

S6W-06407 asks further to the answer to question S6W-06157 by Keith Brown on 7 February 2022, what statistics the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) routinely publishes; what statistics it is required to publish, and whether it will review the transparency and reporting duties on the tribunal.

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) features within the Scottish Tribunals Annual Report. In addition to this the Housing and Property Chamber has recently published a statistical report which provides information including; the jurisdictions of the Chamber, the application process, case volumes and outcomes. Both of these reports can be found using the following link:
<https://www.housingandpropertychamber.scot/who-we-are/annual-reports>

The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017 section 26.-(10) requires that a decision of the First-tier Tribunal with a statement of reasons must be published. The Housing and Property Chamber has developed searchable databases of all decisions, from each jurisdiction, which can be found using the following link:
<https://www.housingandpropertychamber.scot/apply-tribunal>.

In accordance with Section 78 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014, the President of Tribunals is to prepare an annual report about the operation and business of the Scottish Tribunals. To draft this report, the President of Scottish Tribunals requests that each chamber president within the First-tier Tribunal provides details as to their chamber's business and any important changes or projects within their respective chambers. This information is collated by the Judicial Office for Scotland and then

presented to the President of Scottish Tribunals for consideration and approval. S78(3) provides the statutory basis for the information that is to be contained within the report, primarily that the annual report must explain how the Scottish Tribunals have exercised their functions during the financial year, as well as any other information that the President of Scottish Tribunals deems appropriate. The report is approved by the Lord President and sent to the Scottish Ministers in advance of publication.

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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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