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Dear Ms Scanlon

Scottish Parliamentary Question S3W-38875 – Inverness Sheriff Court

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above Parliamentary Question indicated that this related to an operational matter being the responsibility of the Scottish Court Service corporate body. I am now writing to you regarding the matter you raised.

Parliamentary Question S3W-38875 asks *whether there are plans to build a new Sheriff Court in Inverness.*

There are no plans to build a new Sheriff Court in Inverness. The Sheriff Court accommodation has been progressively modernised over the years and the volume of business is manageable within the three court complex. Part of the North Tower, adjacent to the Sheriff Court, was acquired at the point of court unification and the former District Court complex has had some minor work improvements and principally houses the Justice of the Peace business and some Sheriff Court cases.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eleanor A Emberson".

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