

# Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Mr Cameron

## **SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S6W-10513**

The Cabinet Secretary in his response to the above PQ indicated that it related to operations matters within the responsibility of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service. I am now writing in response to the matter raised.

**S6W-10513: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to urgently ensure that repair work is carried out at (a) Campbeltown Sheriff Court, (b) Lochgilphead JP Court and (c) Oban Sheriff Court, in light of recent media reports on this.**

By way of background, the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service has an annual programme of estates works, reviewed on a monthly basis, which includes both planned maintenance and reactive works, as is standard practice in estates management. Essential repairs are carried out as a matter of priority as the health and safety of all court users is paramount.

At Campbeltown Sheriff Court, we are proposing to replace the existing LPG boiler. Technical solutions are currently being reviewed to ensure that the replacement provides an environmentally sustainable and future-proofed heating system.

At Lochgilphead Justice of the Peace Court, the building owners, Police Scotland will shortly undertake ceiling repairs. Meanwhile court business is being conducted in Dunoon.

At Oban Sheriff Court, the custody cells are located in the adjacent Police Scotland station. As Police Scotland are proposing to relocate to a new purpose built facility, the longer term provision for custody cells is under consideration. In the meantime, some shorter term improvements for the existing custody cells are being planned.

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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