

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Mr Griffin

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S6W-20626

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-20626 asks: To ask the Scottish Government how many evictions the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service has recorded in each quarter since April 2022 as a result of a property being sold by a lender, including where the property is a tenanted property or the landlord's own property.

The grounds on which an eviction application has been accepted or determined is not something which the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service are able to provide statistical information on. Therefore, I am unable to provide the number of eviction applications recorded as a result of a property being sold by a lender.

Although it is not possible to provide that breakdown, I am able to provide the total number of eviction applications recorded in each quarter from April 2022 until 23rd August 2023. The table below shows the number of applications received, determined and approved in each quarter.

Quarter	Number of Eviction Applications Received	Number of Eviction Applications Determined	Number of Eviction Applications Approved
April 2022 – June 2022	588	157	141
July 2022 – September 2022	810	210	185
October 2022 – December 2022	427	231	214
January 2023 – March 2023	437	346	310
April 2023 – June 2023	564	261	231
July 2023 – 23 rd August 2023	367	128	118

The number of applications received for each quarter does not correlate to the number of applications determined in that same time period. Applications received in one quarter may not be determined until a subsequent quarter. Applications may be withdrawn between their receipt and the determination stage, where the applicant decides not to proceed with the action. This explains why the level of determinations is lower than the level of applications received over the period. In terms of the applications determined, this includes the total number of applications which have been refused, dismissed and approved, the latter of which has also been listed separately.

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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