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Dear Ms Dowey

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION S6W-36548 Sheriff Court Closures

The Cabinet Secretary in her 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-36548 asks: which sheriff courts have closed in each of the last 10 years.

The final phase of Sheriff Court closures proposals, under the '<u>Shaping Scotland's Court Services</u>' programme was successfully completed on 31 January 2015, which involved closure of 10 Sheriff Courts over a two year period from November 2013 – January 2015.

In the last 10 year period, 1 April 2015 to 1 April 2025, there have been no Sheriff Court closures.

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

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