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Dear Ms Nicoll

Criminal Justice Committee - Bail and Release Bill follow up questions

Further to Jim Kerrs appearance before the committee on 25 Jan 2023, he offered to provide the committee answers in writing to the following questions:

1. Provide the committee with a profile of untried prisoners – broken down into summary and solemn warrants.
2. Provide the committee with a breakdown of geographical trends for untried prisoners – numbers remanded from specific courts and break down of prisoners by locality.
3. Provide the committee with a % breakdown of those individuals who are remanded then convicted thereafter.

I will address each question in turn to ensure absolute clarity of any data provided.

Q1. Provide the committee with a profile of untried prisoners – broken down into summary and solemn warrants.

The following table is a ‘snapshot’ of the prison population as of 31 January:

Fig. 3 snapshot from 31/01/2023

Warrant Type	No. of Prisoners
Court - Awaiting Sentence	295
Court - Court - Trial Date	139
Court - DCL Solemn	1545
Court - DCL Summary	7

*It should be noted that the count of Warrant types is higher than the number of individual prisoners, this is because some prisoners have more than one type of untried warrant.

Court - Further Examination	133
Court - Untried	417
Place of Safety	1
Prisoner Awaiting Deportation	47
Sum:	2584*

Q2. Provide the committee with a breakdown of geographical trends for untried prisoners – numbers remanded from specific courts and break down of prisoners by locality.

The following information is a ‘snapshot’ of the prison population as at 31 January 2023:

Fig. 1 snapshot from 31/01/2023

Warrant Court	No. of Prisoners
Aberdeen SC	149
Airdrie SC	83
Alloa SC	2
Ayr SC	71
Banff SC	1
Campbeltown SC	1
Dumbarton SC	54
Dumfries SC	55
Dundee HC	2
Dundee SC	175
Dunfermline SC	33
Dunoon SC	5
Edinburgh HC	26
Edinburgh SC	227
Elgin SC	9
Falkirk SC	85
Forfar SC	5
Glasgow HC	228
Glasgow & Strathkelvin SC	393
Greenock HC	2
Greenock SC	47
Hamilton SC	176
Hm Immigration Office	47
Inverness HC	2
Inverness SC	65
Jedburgh SC	17
Kilmarnock SC	118
Kirkcaldy SC	70
Lanark SC	4
Lerwick SC	7
Livingston HC	1

Fig. 2 snapshot from 31/01/2023

Local Authority	No. of Prisoners
Aberdeen City	102
Aberdeenshire	44
Angus	33
Argyll And Bute	20
City Of Edinburgh	173
Clackmannanshire	20
Dumfries And Galloway	69
Dundee City	140
East Ayrshire	66
East Dunbartonshire	11
East Lothian	25
East Renfrewshire	14
Falkirk	76
Fife	108
Glasgow City	365
Highland	52
Inverclyde	50
Midlothian	16
Moray	21
Na H-Eileanan Siar	8
North Ayrshire	69
North Lanarkshire	143
Orkney Islands	1
Outwith Scotland	89
Perth And Kinross	32
Renfrewshire	61
Scottish Borders	27
Shetland Islands	4
South Ayrshire	50
South Lanarkshire	125
Stirling	20

Livingston SC	54
Oban SC	7
Paisley HC	3
Paisley SC	87
Perth SC	38
Peterhead SC	9

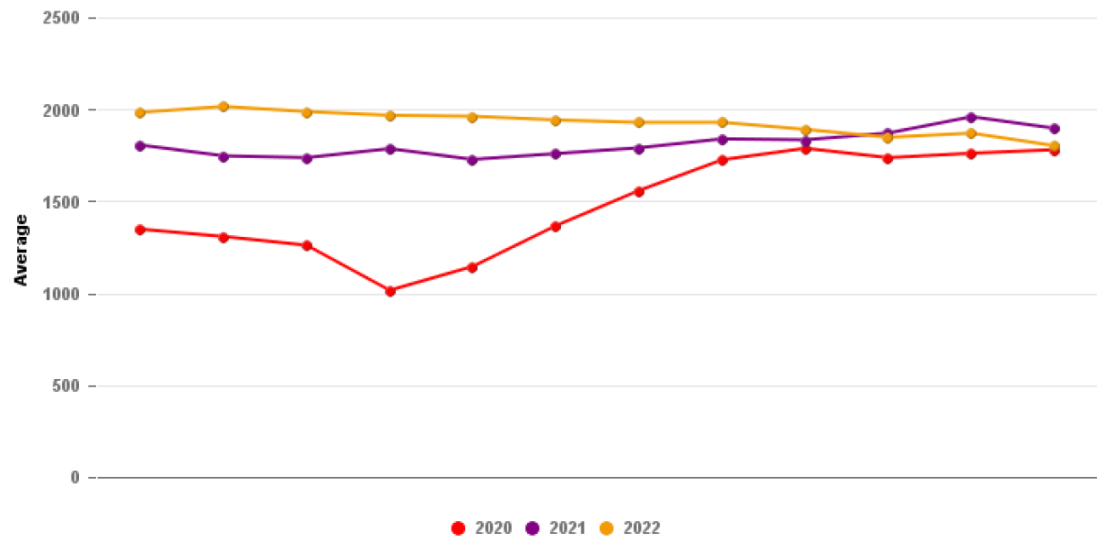
West Dunbartonshire	40
West Lothian	53
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Sum:	2132

*It should be noted that the count of Warrant Courts is higher than the number of individual prisoners, this is because some prisoners have warrants from more than one court.

Selkirk SC	10
Stirling HC	2
Stirling SC	37
Stranraer SC	20
Wick SC	2
Sum:	2429*

The following graph and accompanying figures shows the Average Untried Population (exc. Convicted Awaiting Sentence) between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2022:

Average Untried Population (exc. Convicted Awaiting Sentence) – 01.01.20-31.12.22



	2020	2021	2022
January	1348	1806	1983
February	1308	1747	2015
March	1261	1737	1988
April	1016	1786	1967
May	1146	1728	1962
June	1367	1759	1942
July	1559	1791	1929

August	1725	1839	1929
September	1788	1834	1891
October	1737	1871	1848
November	1761	1960	1870
December	1780	1897	1802

SPS systems are not configured to allow the capturing of historical data in relation to untried population and trends from courts, which would support a graphic to highlight trends by individual courts. Justice Analytical Services (JAS) or Scottish Courts Tribunals and Service (SCTS) systems may be able to provide this information, however we are uncertain as to their system analytical capabilities.

Q3. Provide the committee with a percentage breakdown of those individuals who are remanded then convicted thereafter.

SPS does not record this information. JAS may be able to provide this information, however we are uncertain as to their system analytical capabilities.

I hope you find the above information useful.

Yours sincerely



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