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Our Ref: SCTS FOI 2020/39

Dear Mr Christie

## Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request for information which was received by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. You have requested details of all eviction notices received by the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland from private landlords in each month since January 2019, including the total number, and the grounds cited for eviction.

I have provided a CSV file listing the applications for eviction received by the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. This list provides the case reference number and the date of receipt. I have also provided a monthly breakdown of the figures and the total number of applications in the table below. Please note that the names of the parties, address of the property, and grounds for eviction have not been provided. The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Housing and Property Chamber) makes all decisions publicly available in terms of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber) makes all decisions publicly available in terms of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations 2017. As this information is publicly available online, an exemption in terms of section 25 of FOISA (information otherwise accessible) has been applied to those cases which have had a decision published. An exemption in terms of section 37 of FOISA (court or tribunal records) has been applied to cases which have not yet had a decision published, or have had details of the decision redacted at the instruction of the Chamber President as this information is contained only within tribunal records. This is an absolute exemption not subject to the public interest test.

Month	No. of applications for eviction received	Month	No. of applications for eviction received
Jan 2019	148	Nov 2019	135
Feb 2019	144	Dec 2019	104
Mar 2019	144	Jan 2020	150
Apr 2019	140	Feb 2020	144

May 2019	171	Mar 2020	123
Jun 2019	146	Apr 2020	61
Jul 2019	163	May 2020	37
Aug 2019	153	Jun 2020	76
Sep 2019	131	Jul 2020	55
Oct 2019	180	Total	2405

I hope you find this information of assistance. However should you feel dissatisfied with this decision or the manner in which your request has been handled, the Act provides for a review process to be conducted. Should you wish to take advantage of this process you may apply in writing for a review. Your request should provide details of why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter to:-

The Freedom of Information Officer Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Saughton House Broomhouse Drive Edinburgh EH11 3XD

foi@scotcourts.gov.uk

Following that review should you still feel dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge an appeal with the Scottish Information Commissioner either online:

http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissi oner.aspx

or at the following address:-

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St. Andrews FIFE KY16 9DS

Yours sincerely

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