



The Rt Hon Lord Carloway
Lord President

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Dear Justice of the Peace,

The last few years have been extremely challenging to us all both personally and professionally. The justice system has not been immune from the difficulties which have been thrust upon us by the Covid pandemic. The response to the pandemic led to the temporary closure of courts across the whole country. Priority had to be given to solemn cases, notably those involving persons in custody. It was for this reason that Justice of the Peace Courts were the last to re-open.

Now, as a substantial, not to say intense, programme of recovery is underway across all of the courts, I am acutely aware of the increased number of cases with which the JP courts have been asked to cope. I am deeply appreciative of the high number of those cases that have now been concluded. I therefore wish to express my gratitude to all JPs for their dedication and for the important contribution that they continue to make to the Scottish justice system.

Yours sincerely

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