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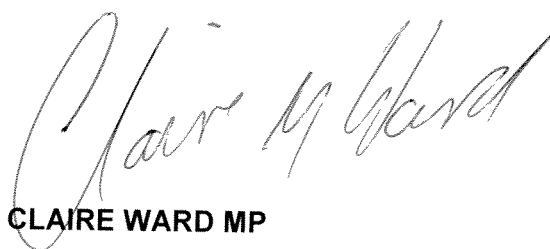
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Dear Chris,

Re: Hansard reference 1 Mar 2010 : Column 931W convictions for 'trade in endangered species'

In response to the Parliamentary question you asked in February 2010 on 'trade on endangered species', I provided you with conviction data for 1998 to 2007. At the time 2008 data were not separately available and I informed you that I would write once these data were available.

Please see the attached table which provides this update.


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Number of defendants found guilty at all courts for offences related to endangered species trafficking, England and Wales, from 1998 to 2008⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

| Offence description | Year | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 ⁽³⁾ |
| Offences under the Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Regulations 1997 | — | — | 6 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | — | 10 | — | 3 |

(1) The statistics relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been found guilty of two or more offences the principal offence is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.

(2) Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts and police forces. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

(3) Excludes convictions for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Source: Justice Statistics Analytical Services - Ministry of Justice.

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