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SCANDAL OF £2M BENEFIT CHEATS EVADING JUSTICE

New soft-touch row over tiny number of cases that ever reach Scots courts

ONLY eight out of every 100 Scots accused of being benefits cheats are actually prosecuted.

And of the tiny proportion who do end up in the dock, fewer than 4 per cent are sentenced to time behind

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bars, while many more are handed penalties such as work placements or fines.

In the latest example of Scotland's soft-touch justice system, figures revealed that welfare fraudsters are cashing in to the tune of around £2million every year. Yet despite more

than 11,813 concluded fraud investigations recorded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), fewer than 16 per cent of those accused of swindling the system were recommended for prosecution by its officials.

Since April 2017, the DWP has lost a total of £5,640,000 to

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