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### LOCAL NEWS



Bloody Sunday 1972

Thursday 13 November 2008 21:28

## Lord Saville`s investigation has cost £182m - so far

The cost of the Bloody Sunday Inquiry in Northern Ireland has reached £182m.

The team investigating the shooting dead of civil rights protesters by soldiers in Londonderry in 1972 is finalising its report and has not heard evidence in almost four years.

East Londonderry DUP MP Gregory Campbell said it was hard to justify the mammoth public expenditure when people were struggling with the financial crisis.

"I urge the Government to get this spending under control," he said.

"Failure to do so is undermining public confidence in the inquiry and is confirming to the public that the Government places a higher priority on examining events of nearly 40 years ago than it does addressing current pressing issues."

Paratroopers killed 13 people, with another dying later from his injuries. Nationalists said they shot innocent demonstrators, while the Army said its members came under fire from the IRA.

A total of £27m has been spent on the inquiry since hearings ended in January 2005.

A spokeswoman for the inquiry, headed by Lord Saville, said: "We always bear in mind that it is public money that we are spending."

"Every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum."

She said the £27m bill included retrospective claims from lawyers for work carried out when hearings were ongoing.

There are also office and administrative costs as the team draws up its final report.

The inquiry was established in 1998 by then Prime Minister Tony Blair after a campaign by the families of those killed and injured. Around 900 witnesses were heard.

Saville Inquiry officials confirmed it would be autumn 2009 - five years after the investigation ended - before findings were released.

A Northern Ireland Office spokesman said: "We recognise that there are legitimate concerns about the costs of the inquiry and officials are working closely with the inquiry to find all possible ways of minimising the costs in these final stages."


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On 13 Nov at 16:06 - Seamy from Armagh said:

I know alot of people want to know what happened there but i can think of other things to spend £182m on... NHS, SCHOOLS, ROADS, Thats just to start with.

On 13 Nov at 16:25 - Maria from South Down said:

Seamy, how about the British army fitting this bill?? That would be only fair. Not to mention how many schools and roads could have been built on money they spend across the globe on war.

On 13 Nov at 16:27 - colin from monkstown said:

just exactly how much of this money went to the solicitors of the people murdered ? what outcome have they got ? how many prosecutions is there ? did these murders not happen during the so called war ? if so then what is the need for this inquiry when we could have hundreds of these things on both sides ? total waste of money , i wonder how much ireland is paying seeing as they want answers too ?

On 13 Nov at 16:28 - Tired from Belfast said:

Yes Seamy, they could have saved all that money if Lord Widgery's original enquiry told the truth. We all know what went on - but its a shame the British Army dont hold their hands up and admit to their mistakes. By the way, do you honestly think that 182million would be spent on schools, hospitals etc. I think not.

On 13 Nov at 17:01 - Lee from it doesn` t matter said:

What a scandalous waste of money.

On 14 Nov at 06:46 - Dave from Belfast said:

The only winners are, and only ever were going to be, the lawyers.

On 14 Nov at 07:37 - reality from tyrone said:

if the security forces just admitted the truth it would have saved all of this

On 14 Nov at 12:19 - Robin Percival from Derry said:

Yes, the cost of the Bloody Sunday Inquiry is staggering. Yes, the money could have been spent on other things (but probably wouldn't have!) But the truth is this is what the legal system costs us, day in, day out. Staggering costs too for the Omagh Bomb Inquiry, failed prosecutions, and current civil action. Staggering costs too for the Princess Diana investigations, though, funnily enough, no one seems to mind this. Had Widgery done the job properly in the first place, there would have been no Saville inquiry. Had the British Government admitted their soldiers murdered civilians on that day, there would also have been no need for another inquiry. Time now for the British (and Gregory Campbell) to admit the truth of what happened on Bloody Sunday and let us all move on.

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