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Education Minister

Monday 22 December 2008 07:39

Minister`s praise of Sands investigated

Police are investigating a formal complaint about remarks made to schoolchildren in Twinbrook by Education Minister Catriona Ruane in praise of Republican hunger-striker Bobby Sands.

A PSNI spokesperson would not comment on individuals named in the complaint, but confirmed that one alleged that Ms Ruane had glorified terrorism had been lodged at Antrim police station on Saturday evening.

She added that an investigation would be carried out to assess whether any offence has been committed, but that it was too early to say whether that was the case.

Pupils at St Colm`s High School, Twinbrook, were told by the Minister that they should be thankful that the hunger striker paved the way for a better future for them.

The comments provoked an angry response from Ulster Unionist education spokesman Basil McCrea, who told the News Letter that it was "*a matter of profound shame*" that Ms Ruane had "*lauded a terrorist*" to impressionable minds.

He called on the First and Deputy First Ministers to intervene and reprimand the minister for using her position – attending the school


to hand out prizes – for ideological ends.

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