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Saville - Durkan says 'No more delays'



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Foyle MP Mark Durkan has said there can be no further delays in the publication of the findings of the Saville report into Bloody Sunday.

Mr. Durkan made his comment after the Secretary of State, Shaun Woodward told MPs at Westminster that Lord Saville had written to him requesting another year before publishing his report.

Mr. Woodward also urged the families of those killed on Bloody Sunday to be patient. "I'm afraid to report to the house that I too share the disappointment of honourable members that Lord Saville has written to me requesting a further year before he is able to publish. But I invite them to recognise that the greatest disappointment of all is felt by the families who have been through huge distress in the course of the inquiry but who like all of us seek for the truth to be revealed about that tragic day in 1972," he said.

Mr. Durkan said the delays are adding to the distress of the Bloody Sunday families. "It was particularly frustrating for the families to learn last week of a further delay in the completion of the Saville Report. Obviously Lord Saville has to give the weight and scale of the evidence involved diligent consideration. And the families and others who participated in the inquiry have confidence in him in that regard.

"However, the report taking so long and the fears that it may be delayed further is a source of some anxiety and apprehension.

"For the sake of the victims' families there can be no further delays," he said.

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