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Doherty urges move on Fullerton inquiry



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Donegal Sinn Féin Senator Pearse Doherty has called on the Government to establish an independent inquiry into the killing of Donegal Councillor Eddie Fullerton.

Speaking in the Seanad on Wednesday, Senator Doherty paid tribute to Councillor Fullerton and said the state here has as many questions to answer about the murder as the British state.

He said, "In reply to questions from my colleague Sinn Féin Dáil leader Caoimhghn Ó Caoláin, the Taoiseach yesterday stated that the Government would facilitate an agreed comprehensive all-party motion on collusion and provide time to debate it.

I welcome that response because these statements in the Seanad and the earlier statements in the Dáil are inadequate without an agreed resolution and a course of action to follow. It is not enough just to state our views.

"As a Donegal representative I want to make special mention of the murder of Donegal Sinn Féin County Councillor Eddie Fullerton in his home in Buncrana in May 1991.

I was too young to know Eddie personally. Some older members of the House here may have known him as he was a very popular elected representative not only in his own county but throughout the country. He was an exemplary republican and leader of his community.

"Eddie was killed in this jurisdiction at the height of the campaign of collusion orchestrated by the British state forces in the North. The Garda investigation - if it could be called an investigation - was totally inadequate and the State here has as many questions to answer about the murder as the British state.

"The Fullerton family has been campaigning for an independent public inquiry into Eddie's murder.

They received the unanimous backing of Donegal County Council for that call in 2005. In November 2006 the family finally met the Taoiseach, after many requests from them to do so.

However, an inquiry has not so far been announced. I urge the government to establish such an inquiry without further delay and call on all Senators to support such a demand."

The full article contains 350 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

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