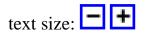
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25 February 2009

Statement from Traditional Unionist Voice MEP Jim Allister:

"Nigel Dodds and the DUP are trying to bluff the people in pretending that they are determined to change the definition of victim to exclude perpetrators of violence. This is a Stormont matter, the DUP claims to control Stormont so why in the last two years have they not changed the definition? Quite simply, because they have surrendered an absolute veto on this matter to IRA/Sinn Fein and so long as Belfast Agreement devolution continues so long will this veto exist.

"The bill establishing the Victims Commission, if adequately drafted, could have made the change but as part of their deal with Sinn Fein the DUP did not press the issue. They failed then and they continue to fail to deliver on this vital issue for innocent victims."

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