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**RESPONSE TO VICTIM'S COMMISSION SPECULATION**

In a joint statement, DUP members of the Committee for Office and First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Jimmy Spratt, Jim Shannon, Jim Wells and Stephen Moutray MLA said:

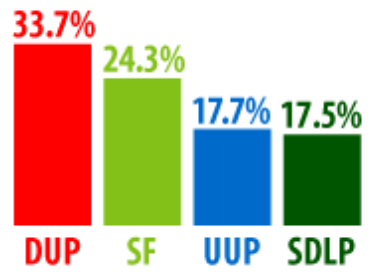
*“The appointment of a four-person Victims Commission to deal with the issues affecting victims would be in our view an important and positive development. The fact that we appear to be moving in this direction is reflective of the enhanced stature that victims issues now have. People should be in no doubt whatsoever that the DUP pushed the issue of victims to the fore of the political agenda. We have a Commission on parades, on human rights and on equality – why should the innocent victims of the conflict here be treated any differently? It is only right and proper that victim’s issues should be dealt with by a specially-dedicated Commission.*”

*The criticism of the appointment of a Victims Commission by the Ulster Unionist Deputy Leader would carry slightly more weight if it wasn’t for the fact that the UUP totally ignored victims and sidelined them when they were the largest party in Northern Ireland. The DUP has striven for victim’s rights and has taken the time to get this important issue right. Those now carping from the Ulster Unionist Party show very clearly that they would rather try to score cheap points than actually address serious victim’s issues.”*

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