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KELLY 'WORTHY WORK OF HET MUST CONTINUE'

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SDLP Policing Spokesperson Dolores Kelly MLA has said it is vital that the work of the HET is allowed to continue to completion.

Mrs Kelly said, “Both the HET and the Police Ombudsman’s Office not only to shine a light into the darkest corners of our past, but also help ensure that confidence in the standards and practices of the policing of today is beyond any reproach. Their importance must not be undermined.

“HET’s director Dave Cox has announced that the organisation will need a further 2 or 3 years to investigate past cases and it is essential that he and his team are allowed to continue in their worthy work.

“Victims and Survivors of the troubles deserve, at the very least, to have their cases properly and thoroughly investigated. That takes time and money but is an essential part of the reconciliation process.

“Obviously there has been overlap between investigations carried out by the Ombudsman’s Office and the HET and working closer together would help save resources. This is something that should be explored but the important thing for Victims and Survivors is to ensure that their cases are independently and meticulously investigated to reveal the truth and to help in the quest for justice.”

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