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Sinn Féin will encourage submissions on past despite reservations

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on victims issues Francie Molloy commenting on the call for submissions from the consultation group set up to examine ways of dealing with the past has said that despite serious reservations about the group that Sinn Féin making a submission and encouraging others to do so.

Mr Molloy said:

"The issue of truth recovery, of victims and the need for a healing process are crucial matters which need to be resolved in the time ahead.

Sinn Féin are absolutely committed to seeing a process developed which can deliver closure for the families of those killed during the conflict. This process must be victim centred and must deal comprehensively with the issue.

"The key to dealing with this issue is ensuring that there is no hierarchy of victims. This includes acknowledging the fact that the British State are protagonists in this conflict and not innocent onlookers.

"Inevitably serious concerns do and will arise from the fact that the group is appointed by the British government and will report back to the British government which will have the final say on any recommendations.

"However, despite these serious concerns Sinn Féin will be making a submission to this group and encouraging others to do likewise." ENDS

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