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Ulster Unionist Deputy Leader, and Chair of the OFMDFM Committee, Danny Kennedy, has said that comments made by Senator Maurice Hayes at the University of Ulster's Tip O'Neill Lecture last night are a welcome contribution to the ongoing debate.


In a statement, the Newry & Armagh MLA said: "I very much agree with the courageous assertion made by Dr Hayes – who honestly pointed out the huge cost to the taxpayer of the Savile Inquiry – that it is very unlikely that the outcome would receive widespread acceptance or resolve all the controversies.

"Senator Hayes has made an important contribution to the debate as to how we as a society move forward together. Indeed, this is an issue that my committee plans to focus on after the recess in the early autumn.

"This is a debate that must be conducted with the utmost sensitivity. As Senator Hayes stated it is in everyone's interests that we encourage mutual trust and ensure that we build a future based on peaceful co-operation.

"I trust that the OFMDFM Committee can play its role in creating a positive and constructive environment so that the fullest and broadest exchange of views can occur."

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