

Ulster Unionist Party

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Eames Bradley forthcoming report



Commenting on speculation surrounding the forthcoming publication of the Eames-Bradley Commission, UUP Deputy-Leader Danny Kennedy MLA has urged for great care to be taken with regards to any proposals addressing the past.

Mr. Kennedy said, "Our troubled past is not merely an academic dispute. It lives on in the pain and grief of very many people in our society. For that reason, Governments, commissions and elected representatives must realise that in attempting to address the past they are dealing with deeply sensitive issues.

"The Ulster Unionist Party will again be meeting Eames-Bradley and will listen with interest to the proposals suggested by them. It remains our view that any whole-sale amnesty, by-passing due process of law and the courts, is entirely unacceptable. Such a proposal would not command confidence across the community and runs the risk of undermining the political process and seriously damaging community relations.

"Ulster Unionists are also unconvinced that a series of expensive public inquiries will provide any meaningful way forward for our society in terms of addressing the past, as demonstrated by the on-going inquiries. Any other process aimed at 'truth recovery' must include terrorist perpetrators, who were the chief human rights abusers during our Troubles".