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VICTIMS COMMISSIONERS LEAKED ANNOUNCEMENT IS UNSATISFACTORY SAYS UUP DEPUTY LEADER

E-mail to a friend *January 25th, 2008 Alex Benjamin*



Ulster Unionist Deputy Leader and Chairman of the OFM/DFM Committee Danny Kennedy described as unsatisfactory the nature of the leaking of the names of the 4 appointments to the office of Victims Commissioner today.

In a statement Mr Kennedy said,

“I see the nature of the leaking of this announcement today as very unsatisfactory. As Chairman of the OFM/DFM Committee I should have had courtesy of being told and should have been contacted.

The appointment of 4 Commissioners indicates clear political deadlock and amounts to ‘government by committee’. Due to the manner in which this announcement was leaked people will now be scrutinising the individuals named to identify political allegiances. This is a bad start to their term of appointment. The fact that there are 4 Commissioners also indicates a clear carve up between the DUP and Sinn Fein.”

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