

UUP MEP challenges Sinn Féin spin in Brussels over Ombudsman's Report

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Ulster Unionist MEP Jim Nicholson has taken Sinn Fein MEP, Mary Lou McDonald to task this evening challenging her about Sinn Fein spin in Brussels regarding the Ombudsman's report released this week.



Mr Nicholson's criticisms come on the back of an email that was sent by Mrs McDonald to every MEP in the European Parliament. The email contained a copy of the report released by the Police ombudsman this week together with a one – sided description of the report, which smacked of cynical spin and propaganda from Republicans.

Speaking this evening from Brussels Mr Nicholson said,

“I will not sit idly by and let Sinn Fein attempt to distort the truth and put their one – sided, Republican spin on this report. Opinion formers and MEPs in Brussels have a right to know both sides of the story and I will ensure that colleagues are briefed on developments and that the Unionist point of view is heard loud and clear.

“Clearly, the Ombudsman's report raises serious allegations over the behaviour of individual police officers. The allegations paint a picture that falls far short of the integrity and professional ethics that citizens expect of police officers. However, those whose agenda is hell-bent on tarnishing the memory of the RUC should not be given carte blanche to do so.

“In all of this I am concerned that we are creating a one sided so called truth commission. Who, for example, is investigating the conspiracies, human rights abuses and sabotage of republicans during this period? A time must come when this community draws a line under past events. Regrettably there will never be full justice for all. The release of tomorrow's report by the interim Victim's Commissioner underlines the need to address these issues.”

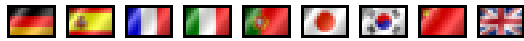
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