



Rosemary Nelson

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## `Collusion` inquiry bill is £69m

The cost of independent inquiries into alleged collusion by the security forces into three murders in Northern Ireland is almost £69m.

The government figures show the total bill for the inquiries into the murders of Rosemary Nelson, Robert Hamill and Billy Wright.

The investigation into the murder of Lurgan solicitor, Rosemary Nelson, which opened in April 2005 had cost almost £32m by the end of September.

She was killed in a loyalist booby trap car bomb attack outside her home in Lurgan in March 1999.

The Nelson Inquiry is expected to run for at least another 18 months.

The inquiry into the murder of Robert Hamill, which has yet to hear any evidence in public has already cost almost £18m.

The 25 year old was killed by a loyalist mob in Portadown in 1997. Police have denied claims that RUC officers in a Land Rover saw what happened and failed to intervene.

The investigation into the killing of LVF chief, Billy Wright Inquiry, which opened three years ago has cost a total of £19.4 million.

The inquiry has been assigned the task of deciding if the British government colluded with Wright's killers, who were members of the INLA.





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