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Wells welcomes Orange rejection of Eames-Bradley report

South Down DUP Assembly Member Jim Wells has welcomed the decision of County Down Grand Orange Lodge to reject the Eames-Bradley Report. Jim Wells MLA said:

"The Orange Institution is a key-stakeholder within our community. It is larger than any trade union or voluntary organisation. When it makes its views known on any issue people need to sit up and listen. I was pleased therefore to learn that County Down Grand Orange Lodge have followed the lead given by the Grand Lodge of Ireland in rejecting the Eames-Bradley Report.



The DUP has taken a lead on this issue at Stormont and at Westminster. In the devolved assembly we secured the passage of a motion rejecting any proposals that would seek to equate terrorist criminals with the people they murdered. The DUP believes firmly that no parallel can be drawn between those who went out of their way to murder innocent people and destroy property and the genuine victims of terrorism. At Westminster, our Deputy Leader, Nigel Dodds accurately judged the mood of the House of Commons when he urged the Prime Minister to reject any proposal to equate innocent people with evil criminals.



Not only is the Eames-Bradley £12,000 pay-off proposal lacking in basic morality, it has caused deep and widespread offence to the people the Eames-Bradley Group claim they were trying to help. In South Down we have lost too many innocent people to see such disgraceful proposals implemented. I welcome the decision by County Down Grand Orange Lodge on this issue."

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