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DURKAN - DETAILS OF GIBSON REVIEW OF OMAGH INTELLIGENCE MUST BE RELEASED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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SDLP Leader and Foyle MP Mark Durkan MLA has welcomed today's news that Sir Peter Gibson's review of the intercept intelligence available to security agencies in relation to the Omagh bombing is now with Gordon Brown.

However, Mr Durkan said it was important this information was shared with the victims' families and the wider public as soon as possible.

He said: "I welcome the fact that Sir Peter Gibson's review of Intercept Intelligence material available to the Security and Intelligence Agencies in relation to the Omagh bombing is now with Gordon Brown.

"When Mr Brown visited Stormont, I raised this issue of the need for an inquiry into the recording of mobile phone conversations.

"Parliament will not return until the New Year and it is important this information is passed to the families of the bereaved and injured without any undue delay.

"Today, I asked for an indication as to when the Gibson report will be considered and outlined that it was important that politicians are given the opportunity to ask the appropriate questions.

"This should not be about parliament getting what it needs or using parliamentary procedure to avoid its obligations in terms of informing the victims' families and the wider public.

"It is important that a timescale for disclosure is put in place."

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