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## Sinn Féin to meet Orde on Collusion

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on Policing issues Gerry Kelly today confirmed that his party would meet next week with the PSNI Chief Constable Hugh Orde. Mr Kelly said that the meeting would discuss in some detail the implications of the Police Ombudsman report into collusion.

## Mr Kelly said:

"Unfortunately the controversy created by the SDLP advertisement in response to a Sinn Féin newsletter has managed to allow the Policing Board and those unionists still in denial about the extent of the collusion policy to create a diversion away from the big issue. This advertisement was simply a case of the SDLP once again overstating their role and influence and getting caught out.

"The real issue for republicans and nationalists is the tip of the collusion iceberg beginning to be exposed. We will not allow our focus to shift onto side issues or distractions created by others. Next week we will hold talks with the PSNI Chief Constable Hugh Orde. The top item on the agenda from our point of view will be the O'Loan Report and the very serious implications which flow from it for the PSNI and wider issue of who sanctioned this policy." ENDS

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