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Minister fails to provide answers for Loughinisland families

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Speaking after accompanying the families of those killed at Loughinisland to a meeting with the British Security Minister Paul Goggins, Sinn Féin Assembly member for South Down Caitriona Ruane said that the Minister 'provided few answers for the families'.

Ms Ruane said:

"Today's meeting was the latest in a series of engagements carried out by

the Loughinisland families in their search for the truth.

"I have to say that today's meeting while cordial and businesslike provided

few answers for the families. The British Minister instead of providing

answers which he undoubtedly could have, choose to hide behind the excuse of

PSNI operational reasons when dealing with specific questions from the relatives.

"These families have heard all of these excuses before. They are determined

that their search for the truth will not be derailed by elements within the

British system who it has become increasingly clear were involved in both

the original murders and the subsequent failed RUC and PSNI investigation."

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