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Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Victims' Commissioners

Mr Elliott asked the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail its definition of the word 'victim'; and to outline any advice that has, or may be, issued to the Victims' Commissioners, regarding the definition they will use in the carrying out of their duties. (AQW 3616/08)

The First Minister and deputy First Minister (Rt Hon I Paisley and Mr M McGuinness): Under direct rule, a definition of victim and survivor was included in the Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. It was envisaged at that time that this would offer guidance to the Victims' Commissioner as to the definition of a victim. Officials within OFMDFM have advised the Commissioners designate of this legislative definition.