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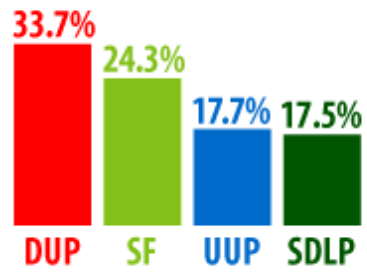
BROWN CONFIRMS WRONGDOERS WILL PAY FOR ANY DEFAULT

DUP Member of Parliament for Lagan Valley, Jeffrey Donaldson has received an assurance from the Prime Minister Gordon Brown that any party found to be in default of their obligations to support the rule of law will be sanctioned by the Government. Mr. Donaldson asked the Prime Minister about the matter, in the context of the Paul Quinn murder at Prime Minister's Question Time today. Speaking today Jeffrey Donaldson MP said:



"I welcome the Prime Minister's confirmation in the House of Commons today that the position of the Government is that any Northern Ireland party found to be in default of commitments to support the rule of law will be sanctioned. This is a significant statement from the Prime Minister. In the past, when Sinn Fein were found to have defaulted on obligations everyone in Northern Ireland was punished, through the suspension of the Stormont Executive. This was unacceptable. Why should the democrats in the Province be punished because others refuse to abide by the rule of law?"

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The Prime Minister's predecessor gave the DUP a commitment that parties found to have breached the rule of law and democratic process should, alone, be penalised. I welcome that Gordon Brown has reiterated this remains the Government position.

The brutal killing of Paul Quinn has shocked many people in Northern Ireland from right across the community who hoped we were moving away from the bad old days. Clearly the police must be given time to conduct their investigations and we will await their definitive assessment. However, the DUP has stated that if it emerges the Provisional IRA was responsible for this murder there will be serious political repercussions. We are resolute that no party associated with a murder like that of Paul Quinn can escape sanction. We have maintained that only those at fault should be penalised and I welcome that the Prime Minister has backed our position in the House of Commons today."

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