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LEWSLEY: JUDGE CALLS TIME ON SLEAZY SIDE DEALS

Today's developments at the High Court strike a blow to the heart of the sleazy culture of side deals, SDLP Victims Spokesperson Patricia Lewsley today stated.

Mrs Lewsley said:

"The fact that the judge has referred 67 questions to the Attorney General shows how serious this matter is. Clearly, the judge is not going to let the NIO get away with its attempts to cover up the truth. And he is absolutely right to insist that there be an investigation to establish whether there was contempt of court or an attempt to pervert the course of justice.

"Last week, Peter Hain tried to sidestep the need for an investigation. Now is he going to get one anyway - and the truth is going to come out.

"The fact is that a public appointment was handed out as a side deal to the DUP and then attempts were made to cover this up. The judge is right to call time on this sleaze. Indeed, today's ruling is a devastating blow to the culture of side deals and secret understandings. It is also a stark reminder to the NIO that they break equality laws and then lie about it at their absolute peril."

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