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Bill will ensure strong and effective Victims Commission

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Sinn Féin spokesperson on Victims issues Francie Molloy today said that the Bill passing through the Assembly today would ensure that a strong and effective Victims Commission is put in place.

Mr Molloy said:

"This is about delivering for victims. We have four commissioners in place with a blend of skills and experience which can and will make a real difference for victims and survivors. We have secured £36m of funding. We are determined to drive this agenda forward.

"It is about putting a Victims Commission in place over 10 years after it was first recommended and after 10 years of inaction by both Direct Rule Ministers and the previous incumbents of OFM/dFM - the SDLP and UUP.

"The DUP and Sinn Féin have reached an agreement on the way forward. It will ensure a strong and effective Victims Commission is put in place.

"Let us focus on that. Let us focus on the needs of victims and survivors and avoid the sort of petty political point scoring which has unfortunately been the approach of the other parties to date. The Victims Commission needs to be allowed to get on with its work and all members should support this important work." ENDS

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