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Anger at opposition to fast tracking Victims' legislation

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Sinn Féin Spokesperson on Victims Issues, Mid Ulster MLA Francie Molloy has accused the SDLP and Alliance party of playing politics with victims.

He was speaking after the First and Deputy First Minister moved to have Victims' legislation fast tracked through the Assembly.

Mr Molloy said:

"It is disappointing to see the SDLP, Alliance Party and others playing politics with victims.

"In recent weeks we have heard SDLP politicians saying they would 'move heaven and earth' to achieve quick progress for victims. Yet when it comes to fast tracking the legislation the SDLP suddenly put up road blocks.

"However, when it comes to legislation from an SDLP Minister the party will happily fast track legislation that really should not be - there is no principle involved at all.

"Grandstanding, petty point scoring and trying to exclude and create hierarchies does the many victims and survivors a complete disservice.

"I want to see victims' put first, and welcome the legislation to allow the four new Victims' Commissioners to get on with work in meeting the many and diverse needs of victims and survivors." ENDS

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