£68,000 each for flawed Eames/Bradley report

Ulster Unionist Assembly member for Fermanagh & South Tyrone, Tom Elliott MLA has expressed his utter disgust at the fact that the 8 members of the Consultative Group on the Past were paid a total of £548,440 for the production of this controversial report. This works out at £68,000 each which further tarnishes the report. This was revealed by Secretary of State, Shaun Woodward MP in the House of Commons and will add even further anger to the innocent victims of the troubles in Northern Ireland.

Tom said: “In case people are not aware who were appointed, I list the names, Lord Robin Eames, Denis Bradley, Jarlath Burns, James Mackey, Elaine Moore, Lesley Carroll, Willie John McBride, David Porter, plus 2 international advisors. The total cost of preparing the report is £1.2 million and as I have already stated my opinion that the report should be binned in it’s entirety. At a time when most families are struggling in these harsh economic times and more importantly the innocent victims, shot by terrorists, who were largely abandoned during the last 30 years will feel further hurt and dismay at the amount of monies these individuals were paid for a deeply flawed report. At the present time the public are demanding that high ranking executives in our major banks should not receive payment for failure, perhaps this is also something relevant to the members of the Consultative Group on the Past.

There is still huge anger across Northern Ireland about many of the proposals. I have made my position and that of the Ulster Unionist Party clear, that I totally rejected it in its entirety. The definition of victim still remains and I would urge all unionist parties and groups to reject the report in total, as the long term consequences of the Eames - Bradley report is too dangerous to be left and should be binned. The Prime Minister, Gordon Brown will decide if the proposals will be presented to Parliament and if so there is a strong possibility that they will be approved”