Danny Kennedy MLA Ulster Unionist Party deputy Leader has called for the resignation of the Chief Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission Monica McWilliams after her seriously ill-judged media intervention concerning the detention of suspects related to dissident republican terrorist attacks.

In a statement Mr Kennedy said:

“At a time when the rule of law is threatened by dissident republican terrorists Monica McWilliams intervention was unforgivable. The Chief Commissioner undermined the reputation of the PSNI and Northern Ireland’s human rights record. She came dangerously close in her comments to giving succour to terrorist apologists. She ignores entirely the fact that the detentions were completely within the rule of law, and as today’s events clearly illustrate, subject to the rulings of the court”.

“In light of such a serious error of judgement and considering the implications of her media intervention my Party is compelled to demand the resignation of the Chief Commissioner”.

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