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### UUP Deputy Leader responds to Appointment of new Police Ombudsman

E-mail to a friend *June 26th, 2007 Danny Kennedy MLA*



UUP Deputy Leader Danny Kennedy today welcomed the appointment of Al Hutchinson as the new Police Ombudsman.

Mr Kennedy said the move to appoint a new Ombudsman was long overdue and hoped that Mr Hutchinson would inject some much needed integrity back into the office.

In a statement Mr Kennedy said,

Currently the Ombudsman offices are under police investigation into leaks of enquiries which have infringed people's human rights, under investigation into breaches of the official secrets act and the Northern Ireland Office is in the process of reviewing guidelines and finding a new figure to fill the post.

This litany of failures, coupled with the fact that the Ombudsman did not command the support of the Retired Police Officers Association or the support of the Police Federation was the wake up call that was needed for the Secretary of State to appoint a new Ombudsman.

Mr Hutchinson brings a wealth of experience with him and the UUP wishes him well in the task of bringing some much needed integrity and impartiality back to the office of Ombudsman."

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