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DUP NEWS**Latest News:****Foster speaks on Eames-Bradley proposals**

On the day the Assembly debates the Eames-Bradley proposals, Arlene Foster MLA said,

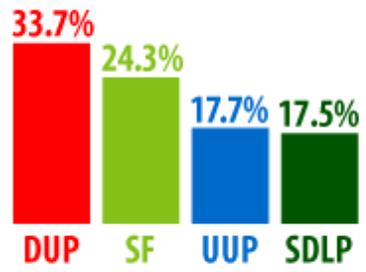
“Having met with several victims and being a direct victim of IRA terrorism myself, the level of disgust about the Consultative Group’s proposals cannot be overstated. The very public announcement of the proposals has actually left innocent victims re-traumatised.

I note the criticism of unionists’ response to the Group’s proposals by some of the authors. Some have suggested we have “overreacted” others have said unionists have been “disingenuous”. Such comments only expose how removed from reality some of these people really are. They should come and sit in my office and listen to the pain they have inflicted on many innocent victims. They would quickly realise that it is not possible to overstate the level of disgust and betrayal felt in the community.

While we recognise the suffering right across the community, the DUP has had a consistent view on innocent victims. There can be no blurring of the line between the terrorised and the terrorist. The DUP always has and will continue to hold to that line. If the Group is suggesting that any unionist politician endorsed the outrageous

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£12,000 payment to everyone affected by the Troubles, they should come out and name those politicians.”

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