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changes would limit the maximum number of Commissioners to four, and ensure that money is spent

"Alliance wants one of the Victims' Commissioners to act as Chief Commissioner to ensure there is a

This means that the support of three out of four Commissioners would be needed to make a decision.

It is unrealistic to expect unanimity on everything and we can't have a Commission deadlocked and unable

The First and Deputy First Ministers Office has said it is examining the Alliance Party amendments in detail.

single, strong and coherent voice, and we also think that, whilst consensus should be aimed for, where it

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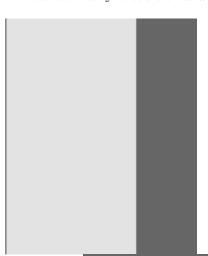
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