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# Sinn Fein/IRA still shielding McCartney murders

#### 07 June 2007

#### **Statement by Jim Allister MEP:**

"After attending the policing Board on 6th June Catherine McCartney rightly expressed disappointment that the Chief Constable was unwilling to say publicly if recent political developments had produced tangible cooperation from Sinn Fein.

The answer alas is "No".

On 4 April 2007 I wrote to the Chief Constable with a series of specific questions. One of those questions was:-

"Since the recent political developments has there been any noticeable change in public cooperation towards the solving of this crime?"

The answer received in a letter from Deputy Chief Constable Leighton on 30 April 2007 was in the following terms:-

"There has been no noticeable change in the case in recent times nor has any new information come to police that has advanced the investigation in any way."

It is abundantly clear that Sinn Fein/IRA continues to protect their own and that their supposed support for policing in this litmus test case is meaningless. Sadly, those unionist politicians so willingly conned by Sinn Fein have nothing to show for the much trumpeted pledge of Sinn Fein to support the police and the rule of law. It has turned out to be typical republican double-speak. The McCartney family have been let down not just by Sinn Fein but by Unionist politicians who accepted Sinn Fein's meaningless pledges."

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