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Sinn Fein not to attend Eames/Bradley event

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Sinn Féin Assembly member Jennifer McCann today criticised the decision of the Eames/Bradley Group to exclude the groups representing the families of British State violence from today's event. Ms McCann said that given the snub to the families Sinn Féin would not be attending today's event.

Ms McCann said:

"When the Eames/ Bradley Group were first established we expressed serious reservations about the fact that it was being formed and funded by the British government. Any report it makes will go to the NIO and they will make decisions on what would happen next. Despite these reservations we did meet the group and encouraged others to do likewise.

"Nationalists and Republicans will not accept the British government attempting to portray themselves as innocent bystanders in this conflict. The British government directly and indirectly through their surrogate murder gangs were active participants in the conflict and any process of truth recovery must reflect that reality.

"The fact that the Eames/Bradley group have decided to exclude the families of those killed through British State violence from today's event adds further to the sense of unease within the broad nationalist community at the direction of this group. Given this snub Sinn Féin will not be attending today's event." ENDS

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