

STRASBOURG SNIPPETS...

short extracts from some of Jim Allister's speeches in Europe

The Antrim murders

"Those who murdered the two soldiers seek political advance through the path of violence. I wish I could say that they will not succeed but, sadly, in Northern Ireland it seems that violence does pay – so much so that today we have three convicted IRA terrorists as government ministers, and our Joint First Minister, McGuinness, is someone who Peter Robinson – at a time when he opposed terrorists in government – once described as 'the Bogside butcher'. Such is what happens when you treat with terrorists. I trust that the terrorists who have returned to our streets will never be treated with and that the lessons of the past will be learnt and rectified."

Supporting small business

"The fact that 70% of private employment in Europe is provided by SMEs is a tremendous tribute to their entrepreneurial tenacity, because oppressive EU regulation makes their lives unnecessarily and extremely difficult.

There should be a regulation holiday for SMEs. The cost of EU regulation in the United Kingdom has been reckoned to be £107 billion over the last ten years. That is £107 billion that should have been going into innovation, into intensified export efforts and into growth."

Climate change and political correctness

"I want to raise a voice of concern and caution in this frenzied debate about climate change, particularly as it could affect food production. We are told that the world population will spiral to nine billion by 2050, thus food production must correspondingly increase. Yet within this proposed climate change package we have emission-reduction demands which, if met, would reduce food production when we need it most.

Faced with the choice of feeding the world or ticking climate change correction boxes, I am afraid I am on the side of common sense and necessity."

Same sex marriages

"A society consumed by rights is a 'give-me, give-me' society, which has lost its balance. It is this which drives the report's demand for equality between regularly married couples and homosexual relationships. The natural order is man and woman. We pervert it when we demand equality for its very antithesis."

On Israel and Hamas

"I abhor terrorism. I repudiate the propaganda of terrorism. Maybe coming from Northern Ireland heightens my awareness so when I hear Hamas bleat because of necessary retaliatory action against its years of indiscriminate raining of rockets upon innocent citizens in Israel, then I am unimpressed because I know that Hamas, like the IRA in my country, are masters of the twin arts of terrorism and propaganda."

The Irish Referendum result

"The disrespect for the lawfully expressed opinion of a small country on the Treaty of Lisbon is palpable. No one would dare try such a juggernaut, Mugabe approach with a large country. But the voters of the Republic of Ireland are fair game to be pushed around by the European elite, to whom their precious Lisbon project is more important than the democracy of a nation state. This whole unseemly saga has more of the politics of the bully boy about it than of democracy."

The Maze Shrine

"During his visit to Belfast, President Pöttering enthused about the EU supporting what was euphemistically called a 'conflict transformation centre' at the site of the former Maze prison, where some of the most vile and vicious terrorists were properly incarcerated. What the President perhaps did not appreciate is that, because of this history, Irish Republicans – who love to wallow in self-pity – are determined to effect their own transformation on any such centre and turn it into a shrine for some of the most evil terrorists known to this generation. Hence the folly of the EU falling into the trap of funding such an obscenity."

Persecution in Vietnam

(an example of many cases of persecution raised)

"A young tribal man who refused to repudiate his Christian faith died from injuries inflicted under official interrogation; hundreds remain in prison for their faith where ill-treatment is rampant. I salute their courage, I condemn their persecutors, but above all I appeal to this EU not to put improving relations with Vietnam and trade above defending and demanding basic human rights for these human beings of very great faith."



European flag and anthem

"This Parliament wants these symbols for one reason only – to inflate its ego and attach the trappings of statehood to the EU.

I have a much better anthem and flag, thank you very much, and I am not about to trade them for the tawdry baubles of Eurofederalism. Ode to Joy may be a very nice tune, but so is Jingle Bells, and like Jingle Bells it heralds a fantasy, the fantasy that the EU is good for you. But unlike Jingle Bells, it will damage your national sovereignty and the right to control your own destiny. More like 'code to destroy' than Ode to Joy!

My constituents do not want an EU flag and an EU anthem. They want the right to say 'yes' or 'no' to the Lisbon Treaty!"

Winning the peace in Northern Ireland

"The relative peace we have today in Northern Ireland is primarily due not to some EU peace programme but to the remarkable tenacity, courage and sacrifice of our marvellous security forces, who faced down the IRA which robbed us of peace for so long."

The Belfast Agreement

"Tomorrow is the 10th anniversary of the Belfast Agreement. Some find much to celebrate; I do not. Why? Because it is the Belfast Agreement which rewarded 30 years of terrorism in Northern Ireland by undermining both justice and democracy: justice, by granting an early-release amnesty to all duly convicted terrorist prisoners; and democracy, by prescribing that unrepentant terrorists must be included in the government of the region they ravaged for decades. That is to be achieved by the iniquity of mandatory coalition.

The region which I represent is the only region in all of the European Union where citizens are denied the fundamental, democratic right to vote a party out of office. Why? Because the Belfast Agreement by law stipulates that all parties must be in government if there is to be a government. That is the Belfast Agreement and that is wrong. It is something to be denounced, not celebrated."

BRUSSELS BRIEFING

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Jim Allister NI MEP SPEAKING FOR YOU IN EUROPE

Non-attached member of the European Parliament



PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOUR MEP:

In this pamphlet you will find a brief snapshot of some of my work in Europe on your behalf.

In keeping with my election pledge, I have sought to advance Northern Ireland's interests at every opportunity, whether through making our case in Parliament, working in Committees or lobbying Commissioners and Ministers.

I trust you will see something of interest in this publication. I invite you to follow my work on your behalf through my website

www.jimallister.org

or on

www.youtube.com/jimallister

FACING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

In face of the deep economic downturn – fuelled by profligate banks and government mismanagement – restoring economic stability and prosperity must be the priority of all with Northern Ireland's interests at heart.

There are no quick fixes, but there certainly are pitfalls to be avoided. One such would be subjecting our economy to further EU direction. This crisis underscores the necessity of maximising, not minimising, national control over our fiscal and economic affairs. Joining the Euro would be disastrous; the Eurozone's track record is one of low growth and high unemployment.

Likewise, deepening our links to the dwindling economy of the Republic of Ireland, which has gone overnight from boom to bust, would fetter our recovery. No, in a time of economic storm far better to be anchored to the refuge of one of the largest economies in the world, the UK.

The best help which the EU can give is to lift the dead hand of EU regulation from business. Hence, my repeated call in the European Parliament for a "regulation holiday" for our hard-pressed business sector. Freer markets and a liberated business environment are the path to growth.



SPEAKING FOR YOU IN EU

Being an MEP is, of course, about more than making speeches in the Parliament, but it is a fair indication of the industry of a member.

As these statistics (as at 31st March 2009) illustrate Jim Allister is making good on his election slogan, "LEADING FOR ULSTER".

	ALLISTER	NICHOLSON	DE BRUN
Speeches	216	99	89
Oral Questions	46	3	0
Written Questions	214	40	40

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Outside Strasbourg Parliament



In committee



Welcoming visitors to Strasbourg



At Mullahead Ploughing Match



Visiting O'Kane's Hatchery



Meeting fishermen's representatives in Kilkeel

CONSISTENTLY RESISTING SINN FEIN

In Brussels and Strasbourg Jim Allister has used every opportunity to expose Sinn Fein's terrorist affinity, not just with ETA and FARC, but closer to home with relentless pursuit of issues such as the Northern Bank robbery, the Robert McCartney and Paul Quinn murders, the Colombia Three and much more.

When Ms de Brun presented a report on Peace funding Jim Allister did not mince his words: *"The irony of an IRA/Sinn Féin MEP*

being rapporteur on a report on peace will not be lost on thousands of people in Northern Ireland whom her wicked organisation made victims through its pernicious terrorist campaign.

It is no surprise to me that she can produce a report talking about peace without a single blushing reference, without a scintilla of regret as to how we came to need peace: because, make no mistake, of her IRA's decades of terror."

On economic issues too, Jim Allister consistently exposes the failed Marxist agenda to which Sinn Fein is aligned, both ideologically and in the European Parliament, where it sits as part of the communist block, chasing every moonbeam of state control, regulation and business repression, all to be paid for by ever higher taxation.

PEACE FUNDING – A WASTED OPPORTUNITY

Northern Ireland has had £1 billion of Peace funding from Europe. Yet, it has not left a billion worth of tangible legacy. Hence, the essence of Jim Allister's persistent criticism of how much of this money has been wasted. Instead of directing it to deliver lasting economic benefit, much has been squandered on froth. The prioritising of Peace III away from economic targets and towards the abuse-laden opportunities of ill-defined "reconciliation" goals, is leading to further squander, as with £10m to ex-prisoner cabals, which was approved by the office of the First Minister! No one has been more critical of the waste and direction of much of the Peace funding than Jim Allister, who has constantly sought to ensure its use on deserving causes.

HOLDING THE LINE AGAINST THE LISBON TREATY

Jim Allister has fought tenaciously against the increasing centralisation of Europe, opposing both the EU Constitution and its twin, the Lisbon Treaty. Believing passionately in the primacy of the rights of member states, he has been to the forefront among MEPs in opposing the haemorrhaging of national powers to Brussels.

The Lisbon Treaty would move us irreversibly further down the road to a federal Europe, proclaiming the primacy of EU law and gaining

for the EU single legal personality in international law. It converts from "the European Community" to "The Union", a combination of citizens, rather than member states, thereby advancing European citizenship, and in consequence bestows on the EU the apparatus of statehood: its own President, de facto Foreign Minister, Foreign Service, embryonic European Army and its own binding Charter of Fundamental Rights.

OPPOSING FOOLISH LEGISLATION

The Working Time Directive is a timely reminder of how EU diktat would curb our essential economic freedoms. Families are struggling to make ends meet, many can't cope, and what does the EU want to do? Insist that British workers should be banned from working overtime, by prohibiting more than 48 hours work per week! It is such madness which Jim Allister has constantly opposed in the European Parliament. Indeed he was the only Northern Ireland MEP to trouble to speak in the Working Time Directive debate.

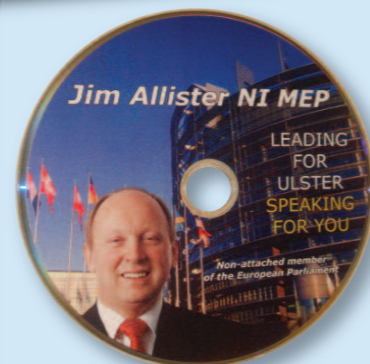
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A CHAMPION FOR FARMING IN EUROPE

In his first term as an MEP Jim Allister has been a true champion of Northern Ireland agriculture, working tirelessly to defend the interests of local farmers at home and abroad. His is no new found or passing interest. Anyone familiar with the weekly farming press will know of his mastery of the wide

range of agricultural issues. He has been to the fore of every battle.



FISHING

The Common Fisheries Policy has failed. It is supposed to deliver both sustainable stocks and economic prosperity for the sector. It has done neither. Fishermen are not the enemies of sustainability. On the

contrary, they have the greatest vested interest in maintaining sustainable fisheries. Thus on the Fisheries Committee in Brussels Jim Allister has fought relentlessly in defence of the local industry.