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Facts the DUP don't want YOU to know!

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"Nothing that is morally wrong can be politically right."

Jobs for you, not jobs for the boys!

With recession biting deep, delivery by government is more important than ever. While the Tory/Lib Dem coalition is prescribing tough medicine, the local DUP/Sinn Fein coalition has failed to devise a suitable budgetary response or produce a viable plan to protect jobs. The only place immune from cuts seems to be Stormont itself where millions are still squandered on useless north/south bodies, lavish expenses and pointless translation into the Irish Language!

In our view, a meaningful employment strategy for Northern Ireland is far more necessary than a language strategy. Lasting jobs, not jobs for the boys, is our goal.

One obvious political lesson of the economic crisis is the utter foolishness and fiscal lunacy of Irish unification. The present economic storm is a reminder that Northern Ireland is far better off as part of one of the biggest world economies, the UK, than being a famished appendage of a hopelessly bankrupt Republic.

Yet, part of the folly of the present Belfast Agreement arrangements is that everything is being orientated and tilted towards an all-Ireland agenda, be it tourism, energy, commerce, investment or infrastructure. This north/southerly is the road to the shared failure and misery of the Republic, whereas, TUV wants to see our economy and growth refocused on building our east/west links with our far more stable neighbours in the rest of the UK.

What TUV says about cuts

"Savings can and must be made. Let's start by scrapping the useless North/South bodies which cost £100m pa, end the huge waste on the Irish language and slash the bloated bureaucracy of Stormont, where 108 MLAs have cost over £50m and the Joint First Ministers have more staff than the White House!"

Why should the political elite be exempt from cuts?

108 MLAs, 12 government departments, 15 ministers, overpaid special advisers, ministerial limos, endless quangos and North/South bodies are more than we can afford.

Saving frontline services matters much more than jobs for the boys at Stormont.

Facts the DUP don't want you to know

In this article, Jim Allister QC lifts the lid on:

- How the law was changed to permit a Sinn Fein First Minister
- Why the DUP didn't try to stop it
- Their master plan to try and force you to vote DUP in May's Assembly election



If there was a single occasion when I realised my days in the DUP were probably numbered it was 17 November 2006.

Ticking time bomb

That day the Belfast Telegraph had quoted me vigorously attacking Clause 8 of the just published St Andrews Bill, which provided for the change in the law to permit Sinn Fein to take the First Minister's post. I had described the change to the office being filled by the biggest party, instead of the biggest tradition, as '**a ticking time bomb**' for unionism and expressed the view that no unionist could or should assent to it.

To my surprise my comments unleashed an avalanche of fury against me from the DUP leadership. That same afternoon I attended a DUP Party Officers meeting to find its start delayed by an hour because Paisley and Robinson were locked with the Party Chairman demanding immediate discipline against me because of my 'outburst' against the Bill. To his credit the Chairman withstood them and I lived to fight another day.

As events unfolded I came to understand why the DUP leadership was so touchy over the Bill. They had loco parentis status.

Secret talks

Days earlier the shape and content of the Bill had been negotiated at **secret** proximity talks in London between HMG, the DUP and Sinn Fein. Those talks, which spanned two days, followed another remarkable DUP Officers meeting.

The day before those secret talks – not just kept secret from the public, but kept secret from half the DUP Officer team - DUP Officers were discussing what needed to be in the Bill. Yet, neither Paisley

nor Robinson breathed a word to their colleagues that all these issues would be thrashed out the very next day. The very existence of the proximity talks with Sinn Fein was concealed from anyone then not fully signed up to the St Andrews deal. So even such leading figures as Nigel Dodds, William McCrea, David Simpson and Lord Morrow, and of course myself, were kept in the dark and kept well away from the London negotiations. Only the solid 'yes men' knew and attended, along with the backroom and back-channel advisers.

Clever device

It was through these talks, I believe, that assent was given to change the law, and change **what was actually in** the St Andrews Agreement, so that henceforth the First Minister would come from the biggest party. I have no doubt this shameful surrender of the unionist title deeds to the office of First Minister was made because the DUP leadership thought the threat of McGuinness as First Minister would be a tremendously '**clever device**' whereby unionists could be coerced into voting DUP. Thus, despite its nefarious origin, it will be the DUP's main plank in the upcoming Assembly election.



For anyone wishing to read the full facts on this vital issue see this web document: www.jimallister.org/uploads/_310.pdf

Actions speak louder than words

DUP ownership of the change explains the party's telling behaviour when the Bill was debated in parliament on 26 November 2006.

- The Commons debate was severely guillotined, with **no** DUP objection.
- **Not one** DUP MP tabled a single amendment to remove the offensive change permitting McGuinness to become First Minister (at least the UUP MP did).
- **Not one** DUP MP forced any vote in the Commons, including a vote at second reading on the principle of a Bill containing such an obnoxious clause.
- Though every DUP MP spoke in the debate **not one** of them spoke against or even mentioned the proposed empowerment of Sinn Fein, not even to protest the change from what the St Andrews Agreement had said! Why?

When the Bill moved to the Lords, whereas UUP peers voted against Clause 8, which made the change, **DUP peers voted for Clause 8**, after an unsuccessful UUP attempt to amend it!

Roll-over unionism

So, no matter how much the DUP would now like to kick up dust to conceal the full picture, it is clear that the DUP was content to see the change permitting McGuinness to be foisted on a unionist majority in the Assembly. A **calculated decision** was taken, in one of the most shameful episodes in the history of roll-over unionism, that creating the threat of McGuinness as First Minister would be a useful electoral tool to duress unionists into voting DUP!

The question now is will unionists so double crossed by those they expected to resist such chicanery, nonetheless play the DUP game and vote for those that not only gave us Martin McGuinness as deputy First Minister but who paved the way for him lording it over us as First Minister?

The battle had been won at St Andrews on this issue; the Agreement expressly said the First Minister would come from the largest designation, which is unionism.

Yet, for the sake of selfish political manoeuvring, defeat was grasped from the jaws of victory.

How pathetic!

In a wholly disingenuous attempt to wash their hands of the change which they facilitated, the DUP now feebly say, 'oh, but the Government didn't faithfully implement what was agreed at St Andrews!' Obtaining DUP consent to the process was so pivotal that the Bill could not have proceeded **without** DUP acquiescence. If the DUP had simply said 'if this change is in, we're out', the change could not have been made and McGuinness could never be First Minister.

Allowing McGuinness to be put upon a unionist majority in the Assembly is not an outworking of democracy, it is an outrage of monumental proportions.

I am glad that, despite the anger which it brought upon me from the DUP leadership, I exposed and publicly opposed, from the moment the Bill was published, this monstrous clause which empowers an IRA commander to be First Minister. This I will continue to do.

Finally, if the DUP does not support the change made in the St Andrews Bill, why in the four years since have they taken no step to try and amend it, applied no pressure to the Government and remained tellingly silent when other unionists have called for such change? The answer is obvious.



TUV believes Sinn Fein is unfit to hold ANY government office, not just the office of First Minister. So, when those who put Sinn Fein into government seek to seduce your vote by talking up the threat of a Sinn Fein First Minister, ask them these simple questions:

- **Why did the DUP put Sinn Fein into government in the first place?**
- **Why did the DUP not even try to stop the change which allows Sinn Fein to hold the position of First Minister?**
- **Will the DUP serve under a Sinn Fein First Minister or will they pledge to work with fellow unionists in refusing and so force change?**

Voting for TUV means YOU are taking the strongest stand possible against Sinn Fein. Voting for those who put Sinn Fein into government will keep them there.

IS STORMONT WORKING FOR YOU?

Recently Stormont's own survey* confirmed only 20% of voters think the Assembly is delivering for them.

The constant deadlock and non-delivery of Stormont demonstrates expensive failure: failure in education, in the economy, in cutting waste, in reforming government, in changing lives for the better and in giving **YOU** good government.

This failure is no surprise because there is no common cause, no common vision binding together the parties that rule. So misgovernment and hopeless deadlock are inevitable.

To break this cycle of failure we need real change. Change to make Stormont work, with a shared voluntary coalition formed by those who can agree a workable programme of government. This is the modern and progressive way forward for Northern Ireland which TUV seeks.

A vibrant Stormont, with Government built on a shared programme and a vigorous Opposition to hold it to account, is the way to a better Northern Ireland.

In this Assembly...

- First Ministers have more staff than the White House
- MLAs have cost you over £50m

- Shrine for the Maze
- Education Ruined

- Millions squandered on Irish language
- £400m wasted on North/South bodies

- Policing and Justice traded for nothing on parading

* Public Attitude Survey, released 20th October 2010

OUR POSITIVE VISION FOR STORMONT

TUV is not about wrecking Stormont, but getting a better Stormont:



- One that works, instead of the constant deadlock.
- Allowing YOU to decide who governs by enabling YOU to vote parties out of government.
- With shared government through voluntary, not unworkable compulsory coalition, and the right to an Opposition.
- Government that obliterates waste, like the millions spent on useless North/South bodies and the Irish language.

Where Traditional Unionists stand...

The 4 Principles to which we hold as Traditional Unionists

1. Wholly committed to the Union;
2. Desirous of devolution compatible with democratic principles and precedents prevailing elsewhere in the UK, thus causing us to reject the present undemocratic mandatory coalition model which puts Sinn Fein in government;
3. Adamant that the rule of law must prevail in every part of Northern Ireland and be administered without fear or favour;
4. Supportive of traditional family values.

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