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Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Victims' Commissioners

Mr J Shannon asked the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail the powers currently available to the 4 Victims' Commissioners; and to provide a timescale within which the Commissioners will have the power to investigate and determine issues.

(AQW 4890/08)

Rt Hon I Paisley and Mr M McGuinness: A draft bill was introduced to the Assembly on 31 March 2008 which will amend the Victims and Survivors (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 to make provision for a Commission for Victims and Survivors. The draft bill is being taken through the Assembly under the accelerated passage procedure and therefore is subject to approval by the Assembly. It is hoped that the Commission will be established and be operational within a short period of time.

In the interim, the Commissioners designate have been working with OFMDFM officials on establishing an office for the Commission and preparation of a work programme.