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Fundraiser encouraging Discrimination against Protestant Victims -Allister

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Traditional Unionist MEP Jim Allister has launched a scathing attack on the SDLP and Fianna Fail, after it was revealed that profits from a joint fundraiser will go to five Newry and Mourne SDLP Councillors, who in 2007, were found guilty by the Local Government Auditor of wilful misconduct. A fine of £10,000 was imposed on 12 Sinn Féin and 5 SDLP Councillors for denying the FAIR Victims group the use of a hall in Newtownhamilton, despite Newry and Mourne District Council receiving legal advice to the contrary.

The MEP said,
“Today’s revelations that profits from an all-Ireland business breakfast organised by the SDLP and Fianna Fail are to go to 5 SDLP Councillors found guilty of discriminating against a Protestant Victims group, not only makes a mockery of a legal ruling, but appears to excuse discrimination against Protestant victims. Obviously, this is both indefensible and unacceptable.”

“I think Unionists will draw their own conclusions as to the use of an ‘All-Ireland’ event, organised by pan-Nationalism, by which to ‘lance the Protestant boil’ in John Hume’s words. The rights of Protestant/ Unionist people have been seriously eroded as a legacy of the Belfast Agreement, while this is merely

the latest manifestation of a cold house for Unionists in Nationalism's all-Ireland agenda.”

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