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QUINN MURDER ASSEMBLY MOTION: ADJUSTED WORDING

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The Assembly will debate a motion on the murder of Paul Quinn, proposed by Dominic Bradley MLA and Alex Attwood MLA, at 2:00 PM on Tuesday 19th February.

The wording has been adjusted on the advice of the Assembly Business Committee to more accurately reflect the views expressed by the IMC and the PSNI Chief Constable (new wording in *italics*, see quotes below):

"That this Assembly condemns the murder of Mr Paul Quinn; notes the clarification by the British and Irish Governments that they do not hold the view that the victim was involved in criminality of any kind; further notes the assessments of Sir Hugh Orde and the International Monitoring Commission regarding the involvement in this crime of persons who are current or former members of the Provisional IRA, or who have associations with members or former members of the Provisional IRA; and calls upon everyone to encourage people to come forward and assist the police investigations being carried out by the PSNI and an Garda Síochána."

Quotes:

"Despite the fact that we are saying it is a local dispute, we do believe that those who were involved in the attack on him — in his brutal murder — included people who are members or former members or have associations with members or former members of the Provisional IRA."

IMC member John Grieve (Irish Examiner 13th November 2007)

"I think everyone's fairly clear on this. People who were associated with the IRA at some stage were definitely involved in that crime."

PSNI Chief Constable Sir Hugh Orde (BBC Inside Politics, 15th December)

Dominic Bradley will attend a public meeting organised by the Quinn Support Group in Newry Town Hall at 8:00PM on Wednesday 20th February.

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