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Enforced coalition
a coalition virtually impossible in first,
early years.

UMP - Assembly has a role in final say
of resource allocations

small population, we want to have
devolved govt to elected rep. who have, to
date, been bystanders.

Chief exec Spinks has co-ordinating role
Reluctance to have coalition →

HMG UMP exec, 1st sec.
eg. SF 1st sec
↓
another etc.

what's the relationship in this context

UMP - need flexibility from 1st sec
can't have whole dept. paralysed

clearly defined roles for ministers
find a way of involving people without
breaking our backs politically and being
forced into coalitions

HMG nature of the linked into process
standing orders of Assembly to be worked out
by Assembly

SDLP no. Chair of the - given need to coordinate &
relate business & policy - you are wing

close to a collective - is that something you concede - chairs are going to head some forum of their own in which to operate?

a cte of chairs? with budgetary functions

UMP Departmental cte (with minister) has a REmp role on allocations

1230hrs. UMP - D Nesbitt

If collective responsibility at cte level - not a problem, but our problem is that we can't see collective responsibility at executive level

assume

- even with full time jobs

- we need an opposition, we have problem with this

body of scrutiny is really what you mean APNI

APNI we wish to be as inclusive as possible but there are those who won't wish to operate & we need to provide a framework for an opposition

UMP in primary function of opposition 'scrutiny'
"I see it as more than scrutiny - it's to oppose"

scrutiny

not so sure that anything is needed
to be provided for opposition

DNesbitt. WMP - it can be a strong body ^{even} without
legislative powers -

strong body will be that exercises executive
~~is~~ powers

APNI - do you accept it would be ~~quite~~ stronger
WMP - only a little report.

Lab Coal. Res brought us down to earth - practical
politics. Trying to find practical way forward.

enforced coalition - the reality is that
there's going to be a coalition - as
no-one will have

WMP
interim $HOD \equiv$ Ministers

threshold for ministerships.

LAB -

WMP - collective responsibility means to us, things
like Lab-Lab pact etc. In order to allow
for
bridge we can't cross in an enforced coalition

LAB - need to co-operate
WMP - that's a different thing

same as SDLP

UMP - don't want an exclusive coalition of 1 or 2 or 3 parties.

SDLP We see need to provide for effective discharge of ^{collective} executive powers (exec. cabinet) & individually.

HMG can a majority decision

SDLP Yes system is flexible to allow for some dissent. can't stay there on a 'usneak it & fill it'

- is a need for an opposition. It's challenge of alternative perspectives, perspectives.

not a coalition with FT-PP part seems it

need prog. of govt - UMP (aside)

SDLP need strong to mean legislative remit - real strength is in terms of executive capacity & money

need some coherence & co-ordination
'I have a political imperative to shaft this lower ranking minister.'

APNI

UMP

APNI

political reasons only? if only for political honour and integrity - we should have more efficient system? They feel they are being regressive - its this or majoritarianism

SDLP * UMG how do you define collective responsibility

believe in members of exec. council
subscribing to decisions rather than try it.

are going to end up with some kind of
collective

how the heads of other relate to each other?

what is the fear -

UMP - if we were looking at other arrangements
N-S - if there were large number of
people outside exec. body & wouldn't get
a balance of people on NS council?

SDLP Ctte of chairs required?

UMP - We have never said that a minister
cannot have informal with his [sic] ^{colleagues} ~~colleagues~~

part in the south -

SDLP - misunderstood my point - collective is
North I was talking about

UMP - one of food & drug

Move to safe grounds, [police; criminal justice]
1 defer until Monday