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### Bruton comments - 'a welcome dose of reality'

Alliance Leader, Lord Alderdice, has described yesterday's speech by Taosieach, John Bruton, as 'a welcome dose of reality'. Mr Bruton in his speech rejected Sinn Fein claims that there had been no response to the PIRA ceasefire, and outlined the many important results which there had been.

Lord Alderdice said:

"Many of those who took risks for peace have become thoroughly infuriated by the way that Sinn Fein postures as the injured party, but in truth shows itself insatiably demanding, and lacking in a genuine commitment to the integrity and the give and take which democratic politics requires. Mr Bruton has done a service to the search for peace by setting down clearly the reality of what has been happening, and challenging the Republican Movement to stop playing games with the lives of our people, and the future of this island."