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Alliance requests security report from Mowlam in Dublin.

The Alliance Party have asked the Secretary of State to come to Dublin prepared to give the parties at the Talks a detailed report on the current security situation, including intelligence assessments of what organisations have been responsible for recent acts of violence.

Party Leader Lord Alderdice said: "The events of the last two days have been profoundly disturbing and along with the rumours sweeping through the community are deeply damaging to trust and confidence within the Talks process

"We are therefore asking the Secretary of State to provide the parties at the Talks with a full briefing on the current security situation at the Talks session in Dublin on Monday. Only the Secretary of State has access to the security intelligence that will be required to confirm or quash the speculation.

"Clearly if there are parties within the Talks whose associates are involved in violence on the outside other participants need to know, and the governments need to act accordingly. Without clear indications of the real situation rather than the current rumours it is impossible to act with any confidence."

Notes: The Talks in Dublin will be chaired by Senator Mitchell, and in addition to formally requesting the report from the Secretary of State the Alliance Party have asked the Chair to allow such a report to be presented at the commencement of the Dublin session

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