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Alliance leader warns Government over North Commission

Alliance leader Lord Allister has responded to speculation that the government may not fully accept the proposals contained in the report to be published North Review on Tuesday and March 19.

Lord Allister said:

"When the Government established the North-South Body, the Secretary of State promised the need to ensure possible new arrangements to be treated with sensitivity to the needs of all concerned. It is vital that the North Commission's proposals are fully accepted. I would welcome the appointment of a new independent body to investigate the Alliance case, and to bring forward recommendations on the basis of a public consultation process. It is vital that the Commission's proposals are fully accepted in order to ensure the stability of the region."

"We need to ensure that the Commission's proposals are fully accepted, and the government should ensure that it is fully aware of the needs of the region. It is vital that the Commission's proposals are fully accepted in order to ensure the stability of the region."

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