

On the issue of abortion, Arlene Foster's opinions do not reflect those of the people of Northern Ireland, the only way to accurately gauge public opinion is to hold a referendum as we saw in the South of Ireland two years ago.

If the DUP party really do believe N.Ireland to be part of the United Kingdom they must then accept the laws of the UK including those on abortion.

To argue that it is preferable to force women to give birth to unwanted children in what is already an overpopulated world is both irresponsible and shortsighted.

As history shows us, if legal abortion is not available then other possibly more dangerous procedures will be used or travel to another country to perform the operation.

It is impossible to outlaw abortion and politician's time and resources would be better spent on other more pressing issues which would have a real impact on the present population.

Whatever the reason for terminating a pregnancy it is never an easy decision.

Ultimately it is the woman who must have the right to decide and have access to the proper care - without judgment by the rest of society.