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Mr Edwin Poots, MLA
The Speaker
Parliament Buildings
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Dear Speaker

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 March 2025 concerning the Assembly motion on the Government of Ireland and the UK's Omagh Bombing Inquiry.

I can assure you that the Government will continue to do everything possible to assist the Inquiry. This commitment is clear in our Programme for Government, which states that we will "play our full part in legacy processes...including facilitating and supporting the Omagh Inquiry".

On 15 April, the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, Jim O'Callaghan, T.D., signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Chairman of the Omagh Bombing Inquiry, Lord Alan Turnbull, on matters relating to the disclosure of materials to the Inquiry. The MOU sets out the working arrangements that will apply between the Inquiry and the Minister on the lawful disclosure of materials from Government Departments and their agencies to the Inquiry to assist it in carrying out its terms of reference.

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While a separate, parallel inquiry in this jurisdiction is not considered to be warranted at this time, the need for any further action to be taken here in the course of, or following the conclusion of, the UK's Inquiry, will be kept under active review.

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