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Huge Pro-Life Response to NIO Abortion Consultation Disregarded

Jim Allister speaks for the unborn.

1. Statement by TUV leader Jim Allister, March 25th 2020:

"The data published by the Northern Ireland Office today shows that there was a huge response to the consultation on abortion. Over 21,200 responses were received – with a massive 79% registering their general opposition to any abortion provision in Northern Ireland beyond that which was permitted.

"I commend the many groups and individuals who took the time to respond to consultation making clear that they supported the life of the unborn. The number of responses illustrates that in spite of the noise generated on social media and the pro-abortion bias of much of the mainstream media Northern Ireland remains a Province which values the most vulnerable – unborn children.

"We are often told about the importance of ordinary people having their say. This is particularly so in Northern Ireland given the provisions of Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act. It is therefore outrageous that having ascertained that the public are opposed to the course on which they are set the NIO dismisses them in one of the opening paragraphs of this document by glibly saying:

"These views were carefully assessed and noted, recognising the strength of feeling expressed by many. However, the Government remains under a legal obligation to introduce a framework in a way that implements the recommendations of the CEDAW Report."

"The irony of this summary of responses being published while our doctors and nurses battle to save the lives of people suffering from Covid-19 will not be lost on many people in Northern Ireland."

Jim Allister Speaks up for the unborn

2. Today, March 31st 2020, in the Assembly Jim Allister secured a Matter of the Day on the imposition of abortion on Northern Ireland.

Addressing the Assembly he said:

"The minds of us all, at this difficult time, are very much focused on the saving of lives. Therefore, it is all the more abhorrent and perverse that, at the very same time, we have regulations coming into effect today that will sanction the killing of the unborn. From today, what should be the safest place for an unborn, namely, its mother's womb, can become, on a whim, one of the most dangerous places, because we will have utterly unfettered, uncontrolled abortion, up to 12 weeks. That is abortion of babies whose hearts are beating, whose blood is pumping round their body, and yet, summarily, they can be killed; their life snuffed out. There is nothing progressive about that. That is regressive for our civilisation. Then, of course, up to 24 weeks, you can effectively have abortion on demand. What has happened elsewhere shows us that there is no qualitative test applied. It is effectively abortion on demand. Even after that, right up to the moment of birth, you can have the killing of the unborn.

"You can have the killing of the unborn on the pretext of severe fetal impairment.

"What is that? It could be Down's Syndrome. That is how shocking it is. I want to place that on record, on behalf of the 79% who responded to the consultation and were ignored. The Assembly, of course, has never been consulted on this issue. I want to place on record how aghast those of us who believe in life are at this wanton, calculated killing in the womb.

"I urge the Assembly to find time to reverse this outrageous, obnoxious situation and to find a voice and to give a voice to the unborn."



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You can watch a recording of Mr Allister's speech here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj_mejkjri8&t=7s