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### **Mervyn Storey, Minister for Social Development in the Northern Ireland Executive, tried to distance himself from funding of sodomites**

In answer to questions regarding the squandering of £3 million "on many undeserving projects" by the Department of Social Development, tabled by Mr Jim Allister MLA, an unnamed department official sought to shield Mr Storey from all blame regarding the funding of sodomites organisations.

Here is what was disclosed in an article in the Belfast Newsletter in its report of the Department of Social Development's reply to Mr. Allister.

*"The answers received revealed that amongst the spend: £1,064,546.17 was spent on GAA clubs, with £273,000 spent on one club alone in Strabane, Strabane Sigerson's Club; £1,134,100.33 was spent on Irish language groups; £138,997.78 was spent on a republican ex-prisoners group, Tar Anall; £83,176.18 was spent on the Bloody Sunday Trust; £259,087.93 was spent on Carrick Hill Residents Association; and £231,681.00 was spent on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transexual) projects, including £170,000 to support the Strabane & Lifford LGBT group alone, and annual subventions to Belfast Pride."*

(See a full news report [here](#))

We want to emphasise the fact that "£231,681.00 was spent on LGBT projects, including £170,000 to support the Strabane & Lifford LGBT group alone, and annual subventions to Belfast Pride."

While Free Presbyterians denounce and protest against the "Belfast Gay Pride" parade, Mr Storey, a Free Presbyterian elder, is engaged through his Department in funding the same wickedness!

His unnamed official did seek to shield Mr Storey. It was reported in the Belfast Newsletter: "Political considerations do not form any part of the assessment and the minister does not have, and does not wish to have, any role in funding decisions."

That is patent poppycock!

Either Mr Storey is the minister responsible for affairs within his department or he is not! There is no "autonomous sector" within the Department of Social Development over which Mr Storey has no authority.

Such blethering may serve to absolve him from his wrong-doing in the eyes of some of his Christian friends and fellow-church members but it does not stand up to scrutiny.

Mervyn Storey is the minister responsible for EVERY action of his Department. Thus he has the power to examine every decision. He may issue a 'ministerial direction' to countermand civil servant's advice.

Of course, he is not involved in each funding decision, any more than the Chief Constable issues every speeding ticket, but he is able to set guidelines and policies.

Therefore, in the end, he is RESPONSIBLE for all of the allocations of funds by his Department.

That being so, it leaves him in a very unenviable position.

He is an officer in a church which denounces sodomy as an "abomination," Leviticus 18:22. But while having taken an oath to uphold the teachings of God's Word, he is involved through his position as Minister for Social Development in the Northern Ireland Executive in the funding of sodomite groups and activities.

That places Mr. Storey in an unenviable and surely distressing position!

The question for him to resolve is which is he to be: the head of a Stormont department administering funds to sodomites or a faithful Christian submissive to God's Word.

He cannot be both.



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## Burning Bush articles from 2009

Some time ago, after repeated denials that the DUP was involved in the funding of sodomites, Mr Peter Robinson, just after he became the leader of the DUP and First Minister at Stormont, acknowledged the funding of sodomites and the role that the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister played in the funding of sodomites from the first day the power-sharing executive was set-up.

Below is an article I posted on the Burning Bush site in February 2009. It exposes Robinson's logic as that of Pontius Pilate. Because the Roman Governor was "outvoted" by the crowd, he attempted to absolve himself of all guilt for the death of Christ by washing his hands and declaring himself innocent! (Matthew 27:4).

Pilate failed and so too do all who employ his reasoning!

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### **The funding of sodomite organisations could have been stopped by the OFMDFM, says Peter Robinson**

Ever since the controversy over the funding of sodomite organisations, through the Department of the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister, arose back in the Springtime of 2007, the DUP response has been to defend its position, by saying that the fund was commenced by the last Secretary Of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. Peter Hain, MP, and, though channelled through the OFMDFM, it is not their responsibility and beyond their control.

Such a response is inadequate since it does not absolve the DUP First Minister from at least some measure of compliance in the payment of the funds since it is paid out through the accounts of his department.

However, that response lost all credibility in the light of a statement made by the present First Minister, Mr Peter Robinson, MP, in a letter to a Christian lady who wrote to him to complain about the involvement of the DUP in power-sharing with terrorist murderers and its involvement in the funding of sodomites. In his reply to the lady, dated 19th December 2008, Mr Robinson said, and I quote directly from his letter:

"The allocation to the homosexual, lesbian and bi-sexual communities was made by Peter Hain during the period of direct rule no further sign off has ever been given either by my predecessor Dr Paisley or myself and even the most naive onlooker would have picked up that any decision to stop it requires a joint sign off by the First and Deputy First Minister. The Deputy First Minister is not willing to end this funding."

The main point to be observed in this statement is the fact that Mr. Robinson clearly implies that had the Deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness, the former IRA commander and believed by many to have been a notorious gunman guilty of the murder of many Roman Catholics and Protestants, been prepared to support him and Dr Paisley during his time as First Minister, then the funding to the sodomites could have been terminated. That is an acknowledgement which completely destroys the defence put forth in the past by the DUP.

Apart from the reconfirming of the powerlessness of the First Minister in the absence of cooperation from McGuinness and reminding everyone that the holder of the office of First Minister is yoked up to and utterly submissive to the will of McGuinness, the public and Christians in particular are being made aware of the fact that the OFMDFM did control the funding to sodomites.

Had IRA-man McGuinness been willing then Dr Paisley and Peter Robinson could have stopped the funding of sodomites.

That begs the question, "Did they make any attempt to seek McGuinness's co-operation?"

We may never know. One thing we do know is that no attempt was ever made to stop the payments. In a let-



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ter from the OFMDFM dated 24th November 2008, the following statement is found: "I refer to your request for information about "any attempt by any Minister, civil servant or Special Adviser to frustrate these (CoSO) payments". I am writing to confirm that OFMDFM has now completed its search for this information and have established that the Department does not hold information relevant to your request, as no attempts were made to frustrate these payments."

Mr Robinson also implies in his reply to that Christian lady, that it would have been the mind of the two First Ministers to have stopped the payments. I have no doubt that such would have been indeed the case. I believe that both men would dearly wish that they could stop the payments since to do so would have been the will of God, these payments being contrary to the mind of God as revealed in Holy Scripture. Both men have on many occasions indicated that they believe that sodomy is a gross wickedness and an abomination in the eyes of God.

However, if a Christian finds himself in a position whereby he cannot act in accordance with the Word of God he must make sure that he does not then find himself acting contrary to the Word of God. The Word of God teaches that when parameters under which we act require us to act contrary to the will of God or support that which is contrary to the will of God, then we must, at whatever cost, withdraw from under such parameters.

When the First Ministers discovered that they would have to go along with the arrangement to fund sodomites through their Department, since they were hindered in doing what they would wish to do, namely cancel the funding, they were entirely wrong to continue in that office.

They should have immediately resigned and acted according to the principle which moved the apostles as it is recorded in Acts 5:29. "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. " As it is, for whatever their political reasons, the two First Ministers sadly stayed in an office contaminated by a gross defiance of God's holy Law.

In October 2007, I wrote to Dr Paisley a letter outlining my concerns and fears. Here is part of that letter: "The duties of the Office of First and Deputy First Minister were established long before you took up your office. Part of those duties includes the promoting of the rights and the funding of the activities of sodomite organisations. This is what Martin McGuinness stated in the Bogside in Londonderry at the commencement of the sodomite celebration there in August past. That definition of your combined duties has never been challenged. I accept as true your statement that since assuming your duties you have not actually 'signed any cheques' or authorised any payments to the coalition that represents the various sodomite organisations that are to benefit from the arrangement made by the Secretary of State. But nevertheless, it is an integral part of the functions of your office to fund and support sodomites. Sooner or later the commitment to pay over the £180,000 grant for the period April 07 to Sept 08 will have to be made by you. If you do authorise that payment, no matter how it is arranged, it will tie you into a great and awful sin from which, as God is my witness, I would see you delivered."

Information supplied by the OFMDFM has since confirmed that monies were paid to the sodomites since the setting up of the present power-sharing Executive. Such payments, according to what Mr Robinson says, could have been stopped by the OFMDFM, therefore there is an inescapable responsibility lying upon the shoulders of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister for those payments. Martin McGuinness will care nothing for such a responsibility but rather rejoice in it. But surely that burden will weigh heavily upon Dr Paisley and Peter Robinson. Sadly, the two DUP First Ministers have allowed IRA man, Martin McGuinness, to dictate to them the path they should take on this issue. Because he would not cooperate with them in stopping the payments they have gone along with the continuation of these payments rather than refusing to have anything to do with such a wickedness and resign from the office of First Minister. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin, James 4:17. "Them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed, " 1 Samuel 2:30.

(Rev. Ivan Foster February 2009.)

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Not one word within the above article was ever challenged by Dr Paisley or Mr Robinson.

Nor will Mr Storey be able to defy the logic set forth and absolve himself of a terrible guilt which he has incurred through his actions as Minister responsible for issuing funds to sodomite organisations.

Ivan Foster.

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