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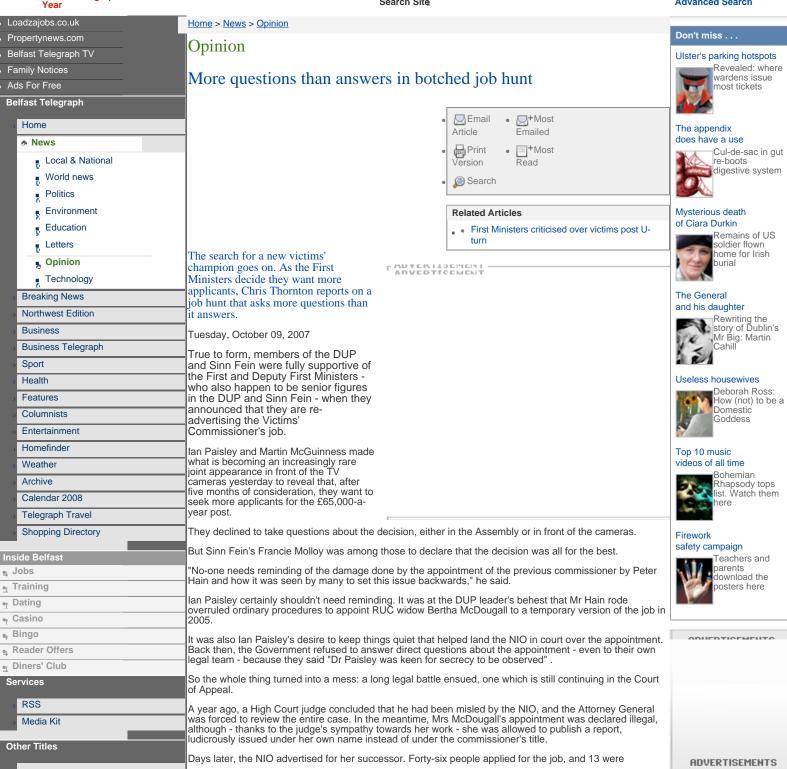
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Community Telegraph	Once devolution became a certainty in March, the NIO said the final appointment would be handed over to the First Ministers in May.	
	And so, while the remaining candidates got better acquainted with their postman, very little happened on the surface. In June, the First Ministers said they expected to make an announcement before the Assembly's holidays began on July 10. No announcement came.	at w. /
	Assembly members speculated that one of two things was happening: either the First Ministers were unhappy with the selection process and intended to re-run it, or they couldn't agree on a suitable candidate.	A 51 3 4
	Yesterday, five months after getting the NIO's shortlist, Mr Paisley said the suggestion they couldn't agree "simply isn't true".	8 7 9 C
	They had decided to re-advertise, 11 days after their office said they had " no intention" of doing that very thing.	
	Their reasoning is that some potential candidates may have been put off from applying because the NIO was initially running the process. The existing candidates were asked to keep their hats in the ring.	
	Ultimately, the First Ministers' statement begged more questions than it answered. Why, for example, did it take them five months to decide the selection process could be better?	See 1
	What evidence do they have that people were put off from applying? And since the existing candidates may be good enough to appoint later this year, why isn't one of them good enough now?	-
	All questions that deserve answers. Just don't expect any DUP and Sinn Fein Assembly members to be asking them in the Assembly.	- FC
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