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Written Answers to Questions

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Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

Commissioner for Victims and Survivors

Mrs D Kelly asked the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail the (i) number; (ii) sex; and (iii) religious affiliation of (a) the applicants for the post of Commissioner for Victims and Survivors, following the advertisement of the position in October 2007; (b) the candidates interviewed for the post after it was advertised in October 2007; and (c) the candidates short-listed after those interviews. (AQW 2942/08)

Rt Hon I Paisley and Mr M McGuinness: Following the advertisement in October 2007, fortytwo people submitted applications for the post of Commissioner for Victims and Survivors. Fourteen people were interviewed and three considered suitable for appointment. These were added to the list of five people considered suitable for appointment remaining in the pool from the first stage of the process. We do not feel it is appropriate to comment on the breakdown of sex and religious affiliation.

Commissioner for Victims and Survivors

Mrs D Kelly asked the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister to detail the (i) number; (ii) sex; and (iii) religious affiliation of the candidates that were short-listed for the post of Commissioner of Victims and Survivors, encompassing both recruitment campaigns. (AQW 2943/08)

Rt Hon I Paisley and Mr M McGuinness:

Both stages of the public appointments process to appoint a Commissioner for Victims and Survivors resulted in a total of nine individuals being considered suitable for appointment. We do not feel it is appropriate to comment on the breakdown of sex and religious affiliation.