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Irish Government assistance for Loughinisland families in their search for

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Sinn Féin MLA for South Down Caitriona Ruane has welcomed the Irish Government's continued assistance for the families of those murdered in Loughinisland in 1994. Ms Ruane made her comments after emerging from a meeting alongside members of the Loughinisland Justice Group, with Irish Foreign Minister Dermot Ahern in Dundalk.

Speaking afterwards Ms Ruane said:

"This afternoon's meeting with Minister Ahern was an opportunity for the families of the six men murdered in Loughinisland in 1994 to update and brief him on recent developments in the case.

"In particular, the families updated him on the status of their complaint to the Police Ombudsman in relation to the role of police informers in the murders, the failure of the police to investigate the atrocity and bring the murderers before a court and the subsequent behaviour of the RUC and PSNI. They also provided a number of questions which they want the Irish government to seek answers to in their dialogue with the British government.

"The Loughinisland families have waited patiently for both justice and closure over this past 12 years and very many serious questions remain unanswered.

"This afternoon's meeting was very positive and I welcome the commitment given by the Minister that the Irish government will continue to assist the Loughinisland families in whatever way possible in the coming period." ENDS

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