



## Northern Ireland Affairs Committee

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**From the Chair, Dr Andrew Murrison MP**

Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP  
Minister of State  
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*Dear Alistair,*

I am writing to raise concerns in relation to the Government's recent response to the previous Committee's report into support for victims of IRA attacks that used Gaddafi-supplied Semtex.

We considered the response at our first meeting and agreed it was deeply disappointing, both for Committee members and for victims themselves. We accept that the situation in Libya makes securing compensation difficult but we wish to be reassured that every effort is being made by the Government.

In August this year, the Foreign Secretary visited Tripoli—his second visit to Libya in six months. During that visit, what discussions did he have with the relevant authorities on compensation for victims? How extensive were any such discussions and at what level is the matter being raised?

We also request that you commit to providing an update to the Committee on negotiation progress within the next year.

Time is running out for victims who rightly seek compensation for the suffering they have endured. I look forward to your response.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Andrew*

**Dr Andrew Murrison MP**  
Chair, Northern Ireland Affairs Committee