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Adare Robbery: Murder of Garda Gerry McCabe

[An Bhreith:
The Taoiseach briefed the Government on the main points emerging from his meetings yesterday with the Garda Commissioner and the Chief of Staff. It was agreed that there should be a further statement issued today on the Government's approach to its dealings with Sinn Féin (suggestions were made as to what might be incorporated in this statement). The Statement, which would be prepared by the Department of the Taoiseach, is to be finalised following consultation with the Tánaiste, the Minister for Social Welfare and the Minister for Justice.

It was also agreed that the Minister for Defence should be added to the list of membership of the Northern Ireland Cabinet Committee.]

1. Secretary
2. Assistant Secretary Kirwan
3. Assistant Secretary B. McCarthy
4. Assistant Secretary D. McCarthy
5. Mr. Hare as discussed. Please note additional appointment to the Northern Ireland Cabinet Committee
6. Mr. Kennedy - Please advise the Private Secretary to the Minister for Defence of above.

worked. If there's anything we've learned from the last ten days it is that being nice to Sinn Féin just doesn't work and in fact it was only last week after the weight of public opinion and when every single party in the Dail rightly condemned them for not condemning the murder of Garda McCabe that we got a half baked statement of regret from Sinn Féin, I think we should learn lessons from that. If Sinn Féin feel they're being isolated then they'll be forced to make up their mind that they're either going to go



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