

31 May that consideration would be given to the UDA's proscription, and he noted that the Belfast Telegraph on 1 June expected it to be some days before a decision was taken. He was however anxious for early advice.

You undertook to submit advice to the Secretary of State following discussions with officials and the Security Forces. You said that in doing so you would cover, among other things, the practical implications of proscribing an organisation which might have a formal legal existence and own property, as a result of which it might not easily be able to dissolve itself at short notice.

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