

24/188 Home Affairs Mates in chair, Wheeler

Townsend, Aitken, Yeo, Stanbrook

Ban on IRA interviews

Cyril Townsend

concern about ban on interviews

- 1)
- 2) Problems with election law
- 3) Practicality 60 mins + 1 MP of Sinn Fein.

File
'batter'
(Home Affairs)

Ivor Stanbrook

hesitation. They should have proscribed S.F.
Hope more logical methods will be used in due course. (Muddled thinking)

Aitken decision taken on security advice, I imagine. Response politically attractive, but we must not falter, we must be prepared to keep going. Supporter of Govt.

Mates

We have been looking to media to do job + they have not. I was invited to go on a 2 hour discussion programme by ITV with McCusker + Adams. I refused + rang Lord Thompson

Aitken

think of satellite dominated by US companies.

Right to Silence

Stanbrook

not abolition of right to silence that is being proposed, but introduced now after IRA + it seems to be draconian.

Official Secrets

Aitken

Spycatched. Everybody has won. Prior publication should be in new bill.

Ken Carline