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Armstrong urges Justice Minister to deliver on Gratuity for RUC Part-Time Reserve

Ulster Unionist MLA Billy Armstrong has called on the Justice Minister, David Ford MLA, to move swiftly on the promised gratuity payment for members of the RUC part-time Reserve.

The Mid-Ulster representative said:

“The issue of the gratuity payment for the part-time RUC Reserve was tied by the last Labour Government to the devolution of policing & justice.

Now that this has taken place, I have asked the Justice Minister to press ahead with the payment.

I recently wrote to the Justice Minister and in his response he said that “I can confirm that work is ongoing and good progress has been made concerning the various elements of the scheme, including the administration process.”

The RUC part-time Reservists have waited long enough and some are quite advanced years. I want to see the Justice Minister advance this issue as a matter of urgency and shall continue to press him on the matter.”

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