Written submission from Mr Braine Dunwoody (ANI0302)

Whilst accepting the UK government’s right to ascertain opinion in Northern Ireland regarding the current Abortion legislation, I would stress that this remains a devolved matter for the people and Assembly of Northern Ireland, whether or not members of that assembly choose to meet. Any changes to that law must, therefore, go through the Assembly. As recently as February 2016 the issue was again discussed there. How frequently does the issue have to be raised?

As far as human rights goes, nothing undermines human rights more than abortion. The right to life is surely the most fundamental of all human rights. As you are aware, an estimated 100,000 lives in Northern Ireland have been saved because of our existing law.

Those women in Northern Ireland who feel the need to abort their unborn children are not being denied abortion; they are simply being denied access to abortion in Northern Ireland.

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