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MR GERRY CARROLL (West Belfast) has asked:

To ask the Minister of Justice for her assessment of the current blasphemy laws.

ANSWER

I am committed to freedom of and from religion and so support the removal of archaic and unused common law offences such as blasphemy and blasphemy libel from the law.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Naomi Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N' and a long tail on the 'g'.

NAOMI LONG MLA