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Pointing out the truth on gun crimes

YESTERDAY saw the first gun killing of 2007 and a real fear that violent crime if left unchecked will make the next 12 months as bloody as last year's toll of death.

Minister McDowell helps no one by pointing the finger of blame elsewhere. Last night he said the latest murder was committed by someone who "may have had a drug-trafficking background".

A few weeks ago he was blaming middle-class partygoers who snort cocaine, keeping the drug barons in business.

But the rest of us are firmly pointing the finger at Minister McDowell himself.

Instead of wringing his hands and whingeing about all the nasty people who are making his job so difficult, he should be sorting out this mess.

When he took on the justice portfolio, did he honestly believe all he had to do was commiserate with us on the horrible state of our country?
When he convinced me...