

Note of telephone conversation with Mr Stanley
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From the Private Secretary

Question: To ask SS/Defence if his Dept
has made specific preparation for
military aid to be civilian power in
connection with the current dispute in the
coal mining industry.

Answer: No such preparations have been
made [The only assistance has been in
providing accommodation for police personnel
from the area]

Note: On advice from RTA, MOD
dropped []. The question refers to
"military aid to be civilian power". This
is a term of art implying direct involvement
of servicemen. There are existing contingency
plans for maintenance of essential services
which do involve use of servicemen but these
have not been modified in light of current
dispute and are hence not referred to in the
answer.