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PRIME MINISTER

MISC 101(84)41st: Coal

You will wish to ask for the following reports:

- i. from the Secretary of State for Energy on:
- the number of pits and miners working;
 - coal movements;
 - the NCB's meeting with the TUC;
 - the NACODS strike ballot;
 - the NUM's meeting with the electricity supply unions;
 - the legal actions brought by working miners (it was reported this afternoon that three Scottish miners had failed in the Court of Session in Edinburgh to secure an interim order which would have made the strike illegal without a ballot; there is no news at the time of writing about the Yorkshire case).
- ii. from the Secretary of State for Employment on:
- ACAS contacts with the NCB and NUM.
- iii. from the Home Secretary on:
- law and order
(with special reference to the renewal of large scale and violent picketing at Maltby and the complaint against the police made by Mr Kevin Barron MP).

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Next meeting

2. There will be a meeting of MISC 101 at 10.30am on Thursday 27 September (in place of the normal Cabinet).

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