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cc PS/Chief Secretary
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ESTIMATES - PROPOSED COAL VOTE

The Financial Secretary has seen your submission of 11 January and Mr Gieve's note of 13 January. He agrees with the Chief Secretary that it would be useful to have a "coal" Vote; and wonders whether this Vote might be extended to include the further subsidy received by the NCB due to the Electricity Supply Industry being forced to buy expensive coal, even though this element of subsidy is paid by consumers in the form of higher electricity prices rather than as tax.

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