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MISC 101(85)5th Meeting: Coal

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You will wish to invite reports from:

i. the Secretary of State for Energy on:

- the number of pits and miners working  
(there will be particular interest in how Monday's back to work figures have been affected by recent developments);
- coal movements;
- prospects for a resumption of negotiations;
- *prospects for getting out of current web of talks and correspondence*
- the attitude of NACODS;
- the NCB's thinking on the new independent advisory body to be established under the agreement with NACODS;

*this should be*

ii. the Secretary of State for Employment on:

- TUC activity and any developments at ACAS;

iii. the Secretary of State for Transport on:

- likely developments with the railway unions if no NCB/NUM negotiations take place;

iv. the Home Secretary on:

- law and order;

v. the Attorney General on:

- the current state of play in civil actions.

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Next meeting

2. There will be an opportunity for further discussion under the Industrial Affairs item at Cabinet on 7 February. The next meeting of MISC 101 is arranged for Monday 11 February at 5.00pm.

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