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Cabinet: Industrial Affairs: Coal

You will wish to record the Cabinet's congratulations to the Secretary of State for Energy on the conclusion of the dispute.

2. You may wish to invite brief reports from:

(i) The Secretary of State for Energy on:

the progress of the return to work;

likely problem areas in the immediate future (the amnesty issue; the attitude of NACODS).

(ii) The Secretary of State for Transport on the prospects for coal movement by rail following the lifting of the NUR and ASLEF blacking (these unions were due to meet the British Railways Board on 6 March to discuss this year's pay claim; there may be some indications whether there might be renewed disruption to coal movement).

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3. A meeting of MISC 101 has been arranged for Monday 11 March at 5.00 pm, subject to cancellation if no major problems arise in connection with the ending of the strike.

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