

Message from Energy Private Office:

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

We have just received a further message from the NCB:-

1. They have confirmed that they will be going to the courts at 10 am this morning to ask for a hearing on Monday.
2. In doing this they are required to disclose to the NUM exactly what they will be seeking on Monday ie a fine or sequestration of assets.
3. MacGregor has repeated that all the actions he is taking on this front can of course be changed if the Government so wishes.
4. Obviously if Ministers have major reservations about the further court proceedings we need to let the Board know immediately.

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