



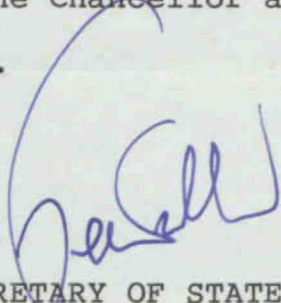
PRIME MINISTER

COAL INDUSTRY

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I thought you would be interested in seeing the figures illustrating the total transformation of the coal industry that has taken place over the last 3 years. It is remarkable that from September 1983 until the end of this month the total number employed by the industry has been reduced by more than 100,000 and the numbers since the conclusion of the strike have been reduced by nearly 80,000. Perhaps even more staggering is that in the period in which the number of men on the colliery books has gone down by more than 40%, coal production has gone down only 3%. It is a staggering illustration of the colossal waste of resources that has taken place under nationalisation in previous decades.

I am sending a copy of these figures to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.


SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY
3 April 1987

	End Sept 1983	End March 1985	End March 1986	End March 1987 est- imated	% reduction Sept 1983 to March 1987
MEN ON COLLIERY BOOKS	191,658	171,379	138,490	109,000	-43%
OTHER INDUSTRIALS	28,042	25,327	19,363	14,600	-48%
NON INDUSTRIAL STAFF	27,135	24,592	21,792	18,650	-31%
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	246,835	221,298	179,645	142,250	-42%
Deepmined output (million tonnes per annum)	90.1	27.6	88.4	87.0	-3%
Annual productivity (tonnes per manshift)	2.43	2.08	2.72	3.3	+36%



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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 3 April reporting the way in which employment in the coal industry has changed in the past few years.

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