



Her hope was that the five main steel plants could be kept going. The difficulty with Gartcosh was excess cold rolling capacity. The decision to close the plant was a matter for BSC, not the Government. She understood that BSC had undertaken to use their best endeavours in avoiding redundancies.

At the end of the discussion Mr. Clarke said that he supported the STUC view that Gartcosh was essential for the future of Ravenscraig. The Prime Minister replied that that was not true. The key for the future of Ravenscraig was BSC's success in finding bigger markets.

The meeting closed at 1010.

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