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Title: Mineworkers Pension Scheme – pension payment holidays and pension payments

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Information request

Starting in the 1987 period and afterwards,

The government took a number of payment holidays from the Mineworkers Pension Scheme of the UK,

Q1, what was the total amount saved from being invested into the mineworker's pension scheme from that year up until privatisation by that chain of pension payment holidays,

Q2, what would have been the impact on the Mineworkers final salary pension payment if the pension payments had not taken place.

Q3, It is beyond doubt the government & the NCB/BC had a fiduciary duty to the miners of the UK, by withholding the information about the 75 mines planned for closure at that time by the government, Mrs Thatcher & the government saying publicly only 20 uneconomic mines, and miners re-deployed to other mine`s, was the government & the government appointed trustee`s of the Mineworkers pension scheme of the UK guilty of a dereliction of duty to act in the best interests of the Mineworkers Pension Scheme.

Information released

The Department does not hold the information requested in questions 1 and 2 above. In relation to your question 3 above, no recorded information is requested, and the Department is unable to provide further comment.