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## BRITISH COAL STAFF SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

Thank you for your request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 1 December 2024. You asked for the total value of the government share of the surplus that was left in the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme (BCSSS) at privatisation in 1994, and information about repayments and the assumptions used by actuaries carrying out valuations of the Scheme.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We have checked with the relevant NAO audit team and can confirm that we do not hold any information in scope of your request.

We do not hold the information you requested because the BCSSS does not fall within the scope of our audit work on the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. You may want to ask the Department for this information. The contact email address for FOI requests is: [foi.requests@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:foi.requests@energysecurity.gov.uk).

I hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not happy with this response, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days by writing to the NAO FOI Team at [FOI@nao.org.uk](mailto:FOI@nao.org.uk). If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The primary way of escalating your concerns to the Information Commissioner is at: <https://ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>.

Yours sincerely,

NAO FOI Team