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BRITISH COAL STAFF SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

Thank you for your request to the National Audit Office (NAO) dated 12 June 2025. You asked for the following information about the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme:

"With regard to the scheme, I know you had some involvement around 1996 (Binder Hamlyn) and would like copies of any and all reports, letters, emails, meetings etc from that involvement plus any other from the time leading up to privatisation in 1994 & present day."

We published a report in 1996 on the [Sale of the mining operations of the British Coal Corporation](#) which can be accessed on the our website via the link provided.

We retain information relating to our value for money reports for 6 years following publication. As such, we no longer hold any further information relating to our 1996 report. In addition, as we explained in response to your previous FOI request (FOI-1778), the BCSSS does not fall within the scope of our audit work. You may want to ask the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero what information it has about the Scheme. The contact email address for FOI requests is: 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. 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