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ORAL QUESTION (O-29/82)

with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr PURVIS, Mr SELIGMAN, Mr MORELAND, Mr John Mark TAYLOR, Mr KELLETT-BOWMAN, Mr PROUT, Mr Christopher JACKSON, Mr DALZIEL, Mr PRICE and Mr BEAZLEY

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Contract to import coal from third countries

1. Will the Commission state what negotiations have been or are taking place with third countries on contracts to import coal into the Community?
2. What plans do the Commission have for further discussions on contracts for importing coal?
3. Does the Commission intend to put forward proposals for Community private or public investment in coal transport infra-structure and coal developments in Canada, USA, Australia or South Africa?
4. What role is being played by EEC commercial energy companies in assuring the adequacy and security of imported coal supplies and is the Commission satisfied with the scale of such arrangements?
5. Will the Commission ensure that negotiations with third countries will not be to the detriment of the Community's coal industry?