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£32 977 700 ECSC GRANTS FOR COAL AND STEEL REDUNDANCIES

The European Commission has announced ECSC readaptation grants totalling £32 977 700 for workers who have lost their jobs in the British coal and steel industries. For those who worked in the private sector, the money is used to finance make-up pay, training allowances or early pensions. For those made redundant in the British Steel Corporation or the National Coal Board the money goes to fund schemes which are already under way.

1. British Steel Corporation - £14 326 700

For 4 625 workers affected by closures and modernisation between 1981 and 1984 at British Steel Corporation plants at Rotherham, Sheffield, Glengarnock, Craigneuk, Glasgow and Hartlepool.

2. Bolton, Greater Manchester - £205 000

For 54 workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the permanent closure of Thomas Walmsley and Sons Ltd's works at Bolton.

3. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £29 000

For 16 workers affected by the closure in 1982 of J.C.H. Castings Ltd plant in Sheffield.

4. Openshaw, Manchester - £1 380 000

For 325 workers affected by the closure of Aurora Steels Ltd's Openshaw works.

5. Darlington, County Durham - £379 000

For 128 workers affected by the reduction of activity at Darlington and Simpson Rolling Mills West works in Darlington.

6. Sheffield, South Yorkshire - £98 000

For 26 workers affected by a cutback in activity at Eaton & Booth Ltd's Sheffield plant.

7. National Coal Board - £16 560 000

For 5 495 workers, including non-industrial staff, affected by the National Coal Board modernisation programme at various pits during 1982.
