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£19m READAPTATION GRANTS FOR MINERS

The European Commission has just announced readaptation grants totalling £19 370 000 to help 6 880 miners and administrative staff who lost their jobs in British coal mines as a result of staff cutbacks and pit closures during 1981. The grants are made under Article 56 of the European Coal and Steel Community. They will be used to help finance current schemes for early retirement with income support.

The number of workers affected in each region is as follows:

-	Scotland	1504
-	North	2123
-	Yorkshire & Humberside	886
-	East Midlands	198
-	West Midlands	1132
-	Wales	327
-	Administrative staff	710

The programme includes workers in several pits which have been completely closed. These include Lady Victoria and Bedley in Scotland; Woodhorn and Houghton in the North; Peckfield and Lofthouse, Newmillendam and Orgreave in the Yorkshire/Humberside region.

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