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Low Interest Improvement Loans For Miners' And Steelworkers' Housing

Low interest loans totalling just over £1 million are being made available for the improvement of mineworkers' housing in the United Kingdom. Altogether 1,689 houses are to be improved with the help of these loans, which carry an interest rate of 1 per cent.

A loan of £676,000 goes to the East British Housing Association for improvement of 286 houses at Hadston, Northumberland and 72 houses at Horden, County Durham. The balance of the money - £401,735 - goes to the National Coal Board for modernising 1,331 houses, including 237 in the North-East of England, 258 in the Doncaster area, 369 in Staffordshire, 337 in North Nottinghamshire and 91 in the South Midlands.

An additional loan for modernising 43 houses goes to the British Steel Corporation, mainly for use in the Port Talbot area. The value of this loan is £50,694, also at 1 per cent interest.

Details of the loans are as follows:

Mineworkers' Housing

<u>area</u>	<u> dwellings</u>	<u>aid in £</u>
Hadston, Northumberland	286	566,000
Horden, Co. Durham	72	110,000
Scotland	4	2,438
North-East	237	148,317
North-Yorkshire	13	4,327
Barnsley	19	3,183
Doncaster	258	46,542
South-Yorkshire	2	487
Staffordshire	369	56,022
North-Nottinghamshire	337	122,758
South-Midlands	91	17,275
South-Wales	<u>1</u>	<u>386</u>
Total	1,689	1,077,735

Steelworkers' Housing

Port Talbot, South-Wales	43	50,694
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