



Department  
of Energy &  
Climate Change

Department of Energy & Climate Change  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor KB  
3 Whitehall Place,  
London SW1A 2AW  
E: [foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@decc.gsi.gov.uk)  
[www.decc.gov.uk](http://www.decc.gov.uk)

Danel Barwell

FOI ref: 14/0399

7 March 2014

Dear Mr Barwell

### **Closures of Coal Pits in Yorkshire - FOIA request 14/0399**

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 March 2014, where you requested information on:

*the amount of coal pits closed in each year since 1945 and the amount of job losses as a result of these closures.*

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

The Department does not hold the information you have requested.

The records of the former British Coal Corporation and National Coal Board are no longer held by this Department but I am advised that copies of all their Annual Reports, which contain details of the company's operations including pit details, are accessible at The National Archives ([www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)). In addition you may also wish to refer to the Coal Authority website ([www.coal.decc.gov.uk](http://www.coal.decc.gov.uk)) which hosts the coal Production and Manpower Returns from 1999 to date broken down by general location/county and a summary of UK Coal Production, Manpower and No. of Mines/Sites from 1947 to date.

### **Appeal Procedure**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to: Information Rights Unit ([foi.requests@bis.gov.uk](mailto:foi.requests@bis.gov.uk)) or by post to the Information Rights Unit (DECC Shared Services), Department for Business, Innovation & Skills, Victoria 3, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.



Department  
of Energy &  
Climate Change

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 Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Cousins  
Coal Liabilities Unit