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TURNER AND NEWALL COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Today the Government has announced its intention to allow a group of Turner and Newall (T&N) workers with asbestos related diseases to keep their full Government compensation alongside that paid by the company.

The Government currently recovers the lump-sum amounts paid out under the Pneumoconiosis etc (Workers' Compensation) Act 1979, to those who are suffering from asbestos-related diseases, if they also receive reduced T&N compensation¹.

However, the Government has decided to act so that those receiving only a fraction of their full compensation from T&N will no longer have their lump sum from the Government deducted.

James Purnell, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions said:

“It is important that these workers get all the help they can, which is why I have taken this decision. We have been in discussion with those representing the workers and have decided not to make deductions any more. This will mean that those people receiving only a fraction of their full compensation will not be penalised further.

“We will work up the details of how this will be achieved and implemented so that the changes can be brought into effect as soon as possible.”

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Notes to editors

1. Since of the collapse of Federal Mogul, the owners of T&N, some former employees who developed an asbestos related disease, may only be receiving reduced compensation from the T&N Trusts.