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Abbreviations

CCO	Conservative Central Office
COSA	Colliery Officials and Staff Area
CPS	Centre for Policy Studies
CRD	Conservative Research Department
EEC	European Economic Community
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
ERG	Economic Reconstruction Group
ERM	Exchange Rate Mechanism
HC Deb.	House of Commons Debates
HL Deb.	House of Lords Debates
IEA	Institute of Economic Affairs
IMF	International Monetary Fund
INLA	Irish National Liberation Army
IRA	Irish Republican Army
LCC	Leader's Consultative Committee
LEA	Local Education Authority
MFGB	Miners' Federation of Great Britain
MPS	Mont Pèlerin Society
MTFS	Medium-Term Financial Strategy
MTFW	Margaret Thatcher Foundation website: www.margaretthatcher.org
NCB	National Coal Board
NEC	National Executive Committee
NUM	National Union of Mineworkers
NVALA	National Viewers' and Listeners' Association
PEB	Party Election Broadcast
PMQ	Prime Minister's Questions
PPS	Parliamentary Private Secretary
PSBR	Public Sector Borrowing Requirement
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
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TUC	Trade Unions Congress
UDA	Ulster Defence Association
UDM	Union of Democratic Mineworkers
UUP	Ulster Unionist Party

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