

pence coins commemorating Her Majesty The Queen's silver wedding anniversary, and were set aside and placed in the pyx of the said Mint, as prescribed by The Trial of the Pyx Order 1969 as amended by the Trial of the Pyx (Amendment) Order 1971.

2. In this verdict the expressions "permitted variation from standard weight", "permitted variation from standard fineness", "permitted variation from standard composition" and "permitted variation from standard diameter" mean respectively, the variation from the standard weight, the variation from the standard fineness, the variation from the standard composition and the variation from the standard diameter allowed under the said Act and Proclamation for coins made in accordance with the said Act and Proclamation respectively.

3. We ascertained the number of coins in each packet produced to us and that such number corresponded with the number which the officers of the Mint represented the packet to contain.

4. We found no gold coins in the said pyx.

5. (a) We weighed in bulk (in lots weighing not more than one kilogram each) all the silver coins in the said pyx and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, being one point four eight (-1.48) grams below standard weight.

(b) We then assayed forty-eight silver coins comparing them with the standard trial plate of silver and we found that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amount of variation being plus twenty-six ten-thousandth parts (+0.0026).

(c) We measured the diameter of eighteen silver coins of the twenty-five new pence denomination and we ascertained that the average diameter of the measured coins was within the permitted variation from standard diameter, there being no such variation.

6. (a) We found that the cupro-nickel coins in the said pyx weighed in all more than five hundred grams and that the cupro-nickel coins of each denomination therein weighed more than one kilogram.

(b) We took out one or more coins from each packet of cupro-nickel coins.

(c) We grouped the coins so taken out into seven lots, each comprising coins of one denomination and weighing not less than nine hundred and eighty grams nor more than one kilogram.

(d) We weighed in bulk each such lot and ascertained that the amount of its variation (if any) from standard weight was the amount recorded in respect thereof in the Schedule hereto and that the coins in each lot were therefore within the permitted variation from standard weight.

(e) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of cupro-nickel coins and we ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, being one hundred and fourteen point three (+114.3) grams above standard weight.

(f) We then assayed cupro-nickel coins weighing in all not less than five hundred grams, comparing them with the standard trial plates of copper and nickel, and we ascertained that such coins were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard composition, the amounts of variation being for coins of the twenty-five new pence denomination minus point four per centum (-0.4%) of copper and plus point three per centum (+0.3%) of nickel and for coins of the ten new pence denomination minus point two per centum (-0.2%) of copper and plus point one per centum (+0.1%) of nickel.

(g) We measured the diameter of twenty cupro-nickel coins of each of the said denominations and we ascertained that the average diameter of the measured coins of each of the said denominations was within the permitted variation from standard diameter, the amounts of variation (stated in hundredth parts of a millimetre) being for coins of the twenty-five new pence denomination minus one (-0.01) and for coins of the ten new pence denomination minus four (-0.04).

Dated the 11th day of May 1973.

THE SCHEDULE

The amounts (stated in grams) of variation (if any) from standard weight of the seven lots of cupro-nickel coins mentioned above were

for two lots of 35 coins of the twenty-five new pence denomination—one point six (1.6) above standard weight and no variation.

for five lots of 88 coins of the ten new pence denomination—point four (0.4) and point one (0.1) above standard weight and one (1.0), one (1.0) and one point five (1.5) below standard weight.

Mr. N. Vanderpump.
Sir Harold Himsworth.
Sir William Mullens.
Mr. C. S. Padgett.
Professor R. Y. Goodden.
Mr. J. R. Abbey.
Mr. J. A. Bourne.
Mr. C. P. Gabriel.
Mr. J. S. Forbes.
Mr. A. P. Jenkins.
Mr. C. P. de B. Jenkins.
Mr. A. D. Crawford.
Mr. D. B. Dalladay.
Mr. P. V. A. Johnson.
Sir John Craig.

COUNTER-INFLATION ACT 1973

The Treasury have given consent to the declaration by the following companies of dividends of the total amounts specified for the financial years ending on the specified dates:

Tace Ltd., St. Albans	£123,574	30.9.73
London & County Securities Ltd., London E.C.2	£561,173	31.3.73
Cullen's Stores Ltd., Dorking	£100,000	28.2.73
Dubilier Ltd., London W.3	£217,866	31.3.73
Scapa Group Ltd., Blackburn	£869,802	31.3.73
B. Elliott & Co. Ltd., London N.W.10	£403,519	31.3.73

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

26 June 1973.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint, with effect from the dates respectively indicated:

Paul Cecil Henry Holmer, Esquire, C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Upper Volta (6 February 1973).

Mark Echazal Allen, Esquire, C.M.G., C.V.O., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the People's Republic of the Congo (3 March 1973).

John Ernest Powell-Jones, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Phnom Penh (14 March 1973).

John Richard Wraight, Esquire, C.M.G., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berne (19 March 1973).

John Ewart Marnham, Esquire, C.M.G., M.C., T.D., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tunis (20 March 1973).

Reginald Louis Secondé, Esquire, C.M.G., C.V.O., to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Santiago (22 March 1973).

Alan James Brown, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Lomé (26 March 1973).

Alan James Brown, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Dahomey (26 March 1973).

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint, with effect from the dates respectively indicated:

Dermot Joseph Swan, Esquire, M.V.O., to be Her Majesty's Consul-General for the Departments of Bouches-du-Rhône, Pyrénées Orientales, Aude, Hérault, Gard, Var, Vaucluse, Basses-Alpes, Lozère, Aveyron, Tarn and Hautes-Alpes, to reside at Marseilles. (25 October 1971).

Miss Angela Ruth Lloyd, to be Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Johannesburg (1 November 1971).