

pence. Those accounts also showed that the coins had been set aside for the Trial of the Pyx as prescribed by the Trial of the Pyx Order 1975 and the Trial of the Pyx (Amendment) Order 1980.

2. In this verdict any reference to the permitted variation from standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter is to such variation from the standard weight, fineness, composition or diameter as is allowed by the Coinage Act 1971 and the Proclamations made on the 20th December 1968 and the 10th June 1981.

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

4. Gold coins

(a) We took out from each of the one hundred and eleven packets of gold coins one coin.

(b) We weighed in bulk the coins taken out and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being point three four (+0.34) of a gram above standard weight.

(c) After weighing those coins, we melted them into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold produced to us by an officer of the Department of Trade, and we found that the ingot was within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amount of the variation being point two two (-0.22) parts per thousand below standard fineness.

(d) We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of gold coins and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being five point three nought (-5.30) grams below standard weight.

(e) Finally we took out from the residue four of each of the coins of five pounds and two pounds, six sovereigns and three half-sovereigns and weighed and assayed them separately. We found that each of the coins so weighed was within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amounts of the variations being as follows:

for the coins of five pounds:	point nought three nought nought (+0.0300), point nought three two nought (+0.0320) and point nought three six eight (+0.0368) of a gram above and point nought nought two seven (-0.0027) of a gram below standard weight;
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for the coins of two pounds:	point nought nought four nine (+0.0049), point nought nought five three (+0.0053) and point nought one two three (+0.0123) of a gram above and point nought nought two nought (-0.0020) of a gram below standard weight;
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for the sovereigns:	point nought nought nought nine (+0.0009), point nought nought two eight (+0.0028) and point nought nought three two (+0.0032) of a gram above and point nought nought three two (-0.0032), point nought nought three six (-0.0036) and point nought nought seven five (-0.0075) of a gram below standard weight and
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for the half-sovereigns:	point nought nought two six (-0.0026), point nought nought three nought (-0.0030) and point nought nought three five (-0.0035) of a gram below standard weight.
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We also found that each of the coins, so assayed was within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amounts of the variations being as follows:

for the coins of five pounds:	point nought four (+0.04) and point one eight (+0.18) parts per thousand above and point one nought (-0.10) and point one seven (-0.17) parts per thousand below standard fineness;
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for the coins of two pounds:	point one six (+0.16), point one eight (+0.18), point one nine (+0.19) and point two seven (+0.27) parts per thousand above standard fineness;
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for the sovereigns:	point two three (+0.23), point two four (+0.24), point two five (+0.25), point two six (+0.26), point three four (+0.34) and point three seven (+0.37) and parts per thousand above standard fineness and
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for the half-sovereigns:	point one nine (+0.19), point one nine (+0.19) and point two two (+0.22) parts per thousand above standard fineness.
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5. Silver Maundy coins

(a) We weighed in bulk all the silver Maundy coins produced to us and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being point nought four (+0.04) of a gram above standard weight.

(b) We then assayed all the Silver Maundy coins, comparing them with the standard trial plate of silver produced to us by an officer of the Department of Trade, and we found that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amount of the variation being one point four (+1.4) parts per thousand above standard fineness.

6. Silver coins other than Maundy coins

(a) We ascertained that the silver coins of twenty-five new pence weighed more than one kilogram.

(b) From each packet of silver coins of twenty-five new pence, we took out sufficient coins and grouped them into one lot weighing nine hundred and ninety point three grams and found that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being point six (+0.6) of a gram above standard weight.

(c) We then weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard weight, the amount of the variation being point two (-0.2) of a gram below standard weight.

(d) Finally, we assayed coins not weighing less in all than five hundred grams, comparing them with the same standard trial plate of silver, and ascertained that they were on the whole within the permitted variation from standard fineness, the amount of the variation being two point one (+2.1) parts per thousand above standard fineness.

7. Cupro-nickel coins

(a) We ascertained that the cupro-nickel coins of each of the denominations of fifty, twenty-five, ten and five new pence contained in the packets weighed more than one kilogram.

(b) From each packet of coins of fifty, twenty-five, ten and five new pence, we took out sufficient coins and grouped them into fourteen lots so that each lot comprised coins of the same denomination and weighed not less than nine hundred and eighty grams nor more than one kilogram.

(c) We then weighed each of those lots in bulk and found that it was on the whole within the permitted