

TRIAL OF THE PYX 2010 – UNITED KINGDOM COINAGE

ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE VERDICT OF THE JURY

We, the members of the Jury, were duly sworn on 9 February 2010 before the Queen's Remembrancer at Goldsmiths' Hall in the City of London to assay gold, platinum, silver Maundy, silver, gold-plated silver, cupro-nickel, nickel-brass and bimetallic coins of Her Majesty, which were produced by the Royal Mint. Accounts of the Royal Mint showed that the coins were made in accordance with the Coinage Act 1971 (the "Act") and various Proclamations and were ready for issue between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009.

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

Gold coins

We took out one coin from each of the single packets of gold coins.

We weighed in bulk the coins taken out.

Next we melted the weighed Britannia coins into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold.

Then we melted the other weighed coins into an ingot and assayed it, comparing it with the standard trial plate of gold.

We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of gold coins.

We then took out of the residue three coins of each type and weighed and assayed them separately.

Platinum coins

We took out all of the coins from the packets of platinum coins and weighed them in bulk.

We then assayed three coins per denomination from the packets of platinum coins, comparing them with the standard trial plate of platinum.

Silver Maundy coins

We took out all of the coins from the packets of silver Maundy coins and weighed them in bulk.

We then assayed six coins per denomination of the silver Maundy coins, comparing them with the standard trial plate of silver.

Silver coins other than Maundy coins

We ascertained that the coins in the packets of two pounds Britannia coins, the coins in the packets of five pounds Pied Forte coins, the coins in the packets of five pounds coins and the

coins in the packets of fifty pence coins weighed more than one kilogram and that the coins in the packets of the other denominations weighed less than one kilogram.

We ascertained that the coins in all the packets weighed more than five hundred grams.

We took out sufficient coins from the packets of five pound coins and grouped them into one lot not weighing less than nine hundred and eighty grams or more than one kilogram, and weighed the lot in bulk.

We took out the remainder of the coins of five pounds and weighed them in bulk.

We took out sufficient coins from the packets of fifty pence coins and grouped them into one lot not weighing less than nine hundred and eighty grams or more than one kilogram, and weighed the lot in bulk.

We took out the remainder of the coins of fifty pence and weighed them in bulk.

We took out all the coins of each denomination, except for the five pounds coins and the fifty pence coins, and weighed them in bulk.

We assayed the Britannia coins, not weighing less in all than five hundred grams, comparing them with the standard trial plate of silver.

Finally, we assayed the coins, other than the Britannia coins, comparing them with the standard trial plate of silver.

Gold-plated silver coins

We ascertained that the coins of each denomination in the packets of gold-plated silver coins weighed not more than one kilogram.

We also ascertained that all the coins contained in the packets weighed more than five hundred grams.

We took out all of the coins and weighed them in bulk.

Then we assayed the coins, taking a minimum of five hundred grams, comparing the metal of the coins other than the gold-plating with the standard trial plate of silver.

Finally, in assaying all the coins, we weighed the gold-plating of the outer section of the coins.

Cupro-nickel coins

We ascertained that the coins of each denomination in the packets of cupro-nickel coins weighed more than one kilogram.

We took from each packet a sufficient number of coins and grouped them into lots, each lot comprising coins of the same denomination and not weighing less than nine hundred and eighty grams or more than one kilogram.

We then weighed each lot in bulk.

We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packets of cupro-nickel coins.

We then assayed the coins, not weighing less in all than five hundred grams, comparing them with the standard trial plates of copper and nickel.

Finally, we measured the diameters of twenty of the coins of each denomination.

Nickel-brass coins

We ascertained that the coins of one pound contained in the packet of nickel-brass coins weighed more than one kilogram.

We took from the packet a sufficient number of coins and grouped them into a lot not weighing less than nine hundred and eighty grams or more than one kilogram. We weighed the lot in bulk.

We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packet of nickel-brass coins.

We then assayed the coins, not weighing less in all than five hundred grams, comparing them with the standard trial plates of copper, nickel and zinc.

Finally, we measured the diameters of twenty of the coins.

Bimetallic coins

We ascertained that the coins of two pounds contained in the packet of bimetallic coins weighed more than one kilogram.

We took from the packet sufficient coins and grouped them into one lot not weighing less than nine hundred and eighty grams or more than one kilogram, and weighed the lot in bulk.

We weighed in bulk the residue of the coins remaining in the packet.

We then assayed the coins, not weighing less in all than five hundred grams, by comparing:

- (i) the cupro-nickel inner sections of the coins with the standard trial plates of copper and nickel; and
- (ii) the nickel-brass outer sections of the coins with the standard trial plates of copper, nickel and zinc.

Finally, we measured the diameters of twenty of the coins.

We found that all the coins submitted to the Trial were, on the whole, within the permitted variations.

Dated 30 April 2010

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in accordance with

**the Coinage Act 1971,
the Trial of the Pyx Order 1998 and
the Trial of the Pyx (Amendment)
Order 2005**

ABRIDGED VERSION

of the Verdict of the Jury

(to be read aloud)
