Explanatory Statement

Currency Act 1965

**Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2012 (No. 6)**

Under subsection 13A (1) of the *Currency Act 1965*, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Bernie Ripoll, has made a determination regarding the specification of coins proposed to be issued by the Royal Australian Mint (RAM).

Subsection 13A (1) of the *Currency Act 1965* requires that the determination provides details of the coins’ characteristics, including standard composition, standard weight, allowable variation from standard weight, design and dimensions.

This determination is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 42 of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003.*

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| **Item 1** | **2013 20c Copper and Nickel Coin - Australia Remembers Army Chaplains**  **Reverse**  A representation an Army Chaplain holding a book and a soldier holding a hat. The design includes the number ‘20’ and a circular border containing the inscriptions ‘AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS’ and ‘ARMY CHAPLAINS’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 2** | **2013 20c Copper and Nickel Coin - 25th Anniversary of Australian Parliament House**  **Reverse**  A representation of the Australian Parliament House, Old Parliament House and their adjoining gardens. The design includes the inscriptions ‘25TH ANNIVERSARY OF’, ‘PARLIAMENT HOUSE’ and ‘20’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 3** | **2013 $5 Silver Coin - 25th Anniversary of Australian Parliament House**  **Reverse**  A representation of a part of the Australian Parliament House and adjoining garden. The design includes the inscriptions ‘25TH ANNIVERSARY OF’, ‘PARLIAMENT HOUSE’ and ‘5 DOLLARS’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA’, ‘2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 4** | **2013 $10 Silver Coin - Bicentenary of the Crossing of the Blue Mountains**  **Reverse**  A partially unfurled scroll containing a representation of a map with the inscriptions ‘MOUNT BLAXLAND’, ‘SOUTH CREEK’ and ‘SYDNEY’. The design includes a representation of a landscape with a ridge and vegetation. Positioned on the ridge are 1 horse, 3 persons standing and 1 tree. The design also includes the inscriptions ‘BICENTENARY OF THE CROSSING OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS’ and ‘10 Dollars’ and a circle of raised beads inside the rim of the coin.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 5** | **2013 $1 Copper Aluminium and Nickel Coin - 200 Years of the Benevolent Society**  **Reverse**  In the centre, a representation of a woman holding a baby, a person holding a cloth and a child holding a rectangular object. Two concentric circles surround the central design and are in turn surrounded by the inscriptions ‘THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY’, ‘FOUNDED 1813’, ‘INCORPOR’, ‘TD’ and ‘1902’. The aforementioned inscriptions are surrounded by two concentric circles and the inscriptions ‘200 YEARS OF CARING FOR AUSTRALIANS’ and ‘ONE DOLLAR’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 6** | **2013 $1 Copper Aluminium and Nickel Colour Printed Coin - Walrus**  **Reverse**  A coloured image of a walrus positioned over ice. The design includes 2 coloured images of ice, an artist’s impression of 2 icebergs and an artist’s impression of pieces of ice floating on water. A stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘1 DOLLAR’ are also included in the reverse design.    **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 7** | **2013 $1 Copper Aluminium and Nickel Colour Printed Coin - Humpback Whale**  **Reverse**  In the lower sector, a coloured image of a humpback whale partially submerged in water, featuring a view below the waterline. The design includes an artist’s impression of 2 icebergs and an artist’s impression of pieces of ice floating on water. A stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘1 DOLLAR’ are also included in the reverse design.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 8** | **2013 $1 Copper Aluminium and Nickel Colour Printed Coin - Weddell Seal**  **Reverse**  A coloured image of a Weddell seal partially submerged in ice-covered water. The design includes an artist’s impression of 2 icebergs and an artist’s impression of pieces of ice floating on water. A stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘1 DOLLAR’ are also included in the reverse design.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 9** | **2013 $1 Copper Aluminium and Nickel Colour Printed Coin - Atlantic Puffin**  **Reverse**  A coloured image of an Atlantic puffin positioned over rocks. The design includes an artist’s impression of an Atlantic puffin positioned over a rock and an artist’s impression of water. A stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘1 DOLLAR’ are also included in the reverse design.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 10** | **2013 50c Copper and Nickel Coin - 100 Years of Commonwealth Stamps**  **Reverse**  In the background, a representation of a stamp featuring horizontal lines. Superimposed on the stamp is a representation of a map of Australia. In the foreground, and superimposed on a part of the map of Australia is a representation of a kangaroo standing on grass. The design includes a stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘50’, ‘100 YEARS OF COMMONWEALTH STAMPS’ and ‘1913 – 2013’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 11** | **2013 50c Copper and Nickel Coin - 100 Years of Commonwealth Stamps ‘M’ Counterstamp**  **Reverse**  In the background, a representation of a stamp featuring horizontal lines. Superimposed on the stamp is a representation of a map of Australia. In the foreground, and superimposed on a part of the map of Australia is a representation of a kangaroo standing on grass. The design includes a stylised representation of the initials of the designer Aaron Baggio ‘AB’ and the inscriptions ‘50’, ‘100 YEARS OF COMMONWEALTH STAMPS’ and ‘1913 – 2013’. The letter ‘M’ enclosed by a circle is also included on the reverse. This letter denotes Melbourne.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 12** | **2013 20c Copper and Nickel Coin - Centenary of Australian Bank Notes Ten Shillings Note**  **Reverse**  A central ornamental border enclosing a representation of a part of the 10 shillings banknote as it appeared in 1913. An ornamental design element is superimposed on a part of the central design. The design includes the inscriptions ‘20’, ‘CENTENARY OF’ and ‘AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTES’ and is enclosed by an ornamental border, immediately inside the rim of the coin.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 13** | **2013 20c Copper and Nickel Coin - Centenary of Australian Bank Notes Five Pound Note**  **Reverse**  A central ornamental border enclosing a representation of a part of the 5 pounds banknote as it appeared in 1913. An ornamental design element is superimposed on a part of the central design. The design includes the inscriptions ‘20’, ‘CENTENARY OF’ and ‘AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTES’ and is enclosed by an ornamental border, immediately inside the rim of the coin.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 14** | **2013 50c Copper and Nickel Coin - Centenary of Australian Bank Notes One Pound Note**  **Reverse**  In the centre, a representation of a part of the 1 pound banknote as it appeared in 1913. This central representation is surrounded by an elongated octagonal border and superimposed on ornamental design elements. The design includes the inscriptions ‘1913’, ‘2013’, ‘CENTENARY OF AUSTRALIAN BANKNOTES’ and ‘FIFTY CENTS’. All the design elements are superimposed on a series of equidistant wavy lines.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 15** | **2013 $5 Silver Colour Printed Domed Coin - Southern Sky Pavo**  **Reverse**  A coloured representation of a field of stars superimposed on a stylised representation of a compass. The design includes a stylised representation of the constellation Pavo and the inscriptions ‘NORTH’, ‘SOUTH’, ‘EAST’, ‘WEST’, ‘SOUTHERN SKY’, ‘RA 19h 30m 0s’, ‘PAVO’ and ‘DEC -66° 0’ 0”’.  **Obverse**  Consistent with all Australian legal tender coinage, an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will appear on the obverse side of the coin together with the inscriptions ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA 2013’, ‘. 5 DOLLARS .’ and the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’ |

**Consultation**

No public consultation was undertaken in relation to the currency determination. The effect of this instrument is to determine the weight, design and dimension of coins to enable the Royal Australian Mint to continue its production of circulating and numismatic coins. The Mint receives public submissions on coin designs and determines appropriate designs in accordance with its Coin Design Policy. The Mint used market based tools to identify interested parties and gauge interest in coin themes.

**Commencement**

The determination commences on the day after it is registered.

**Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights**

This instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*. The purpose of the Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2012 (No. 6) is to determine the weight, design and dimension of circulating and numismatic coins. This instrument does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms. This instrument is compatible with human rights as it does not raise any human rights issues. This determination has been made by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Bernie Ripoll, in accordance with subsection 13A (1) of the *Currency Act 1965.*