Explanatory Statement

**Currency Act 1965**

**Currency (Royal Australian Mint) Determination 2015 (No. 10)**

Under paragraph 13(2)(b) and subsection 13A(1) of the *Currency Act 1965*, the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, Alex Hawke, has made a determination regarding the specification of coins proposed to be issued by the Royal Australian Mint.

Paragraph 13(2)(b) and subsection 13A(1) of the *Currency Act 1965* require that the determination provides details of the coins’ denomination and 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** | **$1 Copper, Aluminium and Nickel Coin – Mob of Roos ‘Buddy Bear’ Privymark**  **Reverse**  A stylised representation of 5 kangaroos. The reverse design includes a square enclosing a stylised outline drawing of a bear standing with limbs extended. The inscription ‘1 DOLLAR’ is also included in the 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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 2** | **50c Copper and Nickel with Gold Plating Round Coin – Coat of Arms ‘World Money Fair’ Privymark**  **Reverse**  A representation of the arms of the Commonwealth. The reverse design includes a square enclosing the initials ‘WMF’ denoting the World Money Fair. The design also includes the number ‘50’ and the initials of the designer Stuart Devlin ‘SD’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 3** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coin – Indonesian Confrontation**  **Reverse**  In the centre, a representation of the stem of a bamboo. On the left of that bamboo stem is a representation of a house, a fence, leaves, a man holding a rifle. In the in the background is a representation of a hill with leaves and grasses. On the right of that central bamboo stem is a representation of another bamboo stem and a landscape consisting of a body of water, hills, grasses and leaves. The design includes a representation of 2 soldiers crossing a bridge over a body of water, wherein one man is holding a rifle. The design also includes the number ‘50’ and the inscription ‘INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 4** | **20c Copper and Nickel Coin - Afghanistan**  **Reverse**  A representation of 13 military vehicles traversing a desert. The design includes the number ‘20’ and the inscription ‘AFGHANISTAN’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 5** | **20c Copper and Nickel Coin – Dogs at War**  **Reverse**  A landscape consisting of barren land, hills and rocks. The design includes a representation of a soldier in uniform lying on the ground, facing left and holding a communications device. Sitting next to that soldier is a dog wearing armour and facing left. The design also includes the number ‘20’ and the inscription ‘DOGS AT WAR’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 6** | **20c Copper and Nickel Coin – Rats of Tobruk**  **Reverse**  A representation of a trench and rocks. Positioned inside that trench are 3 soldiers in uniform, each holding a rifle. The design includes the number ‘20’ and the inscription ‘RATS OF TOBRUK’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 7** | **25c Aluminium, Zinc and Bronze Coin Battle of Long Tan**  **Reverse**  A representation of a soldier facing right, holding a rifle and squatting next to a row of bare trees. The design includes a representation of a row of bare trees, the number ‘25’ and the inscription ‘BATTLE OF LONG TAN’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 8** | **$5 Silver Coin – Saltwater Crocodile Monty**  **Reverse**  A representation of a crocodile with its mouth open, appearing to emerge from splashing water. The design includes the inscriptions ‘SALTWATER CROCODILE’, ‘MONTY- FIVE DOLLARS and ‘1 oz .999 Ag’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 9** | **1c Copper, Tin and Zinc Coin – Feather-tail Glider**  **Reverse**  A representation of a feather-tail glider. The design includes the number ‘1’ and the initials of the designer Stuart Devlin ‘SD’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 10** | **2c Copper, Tin and Zinc Coin – Frilled Lizard**  **Reverse**  A representation of a frilled lizard. The design includes the number ‘2’ and the initials of the designer Stuart Devlin ‘SD’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 11** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coin – Malayan Emergency**  **Reverse**  In the centre, a representation of the stem of a bamboo. On the left of that bamboo stem, a representation of an aeroplane in flight, land and the horizon. On the right of that bamboo stem, a representation of 4 soldiers with rifles, wading through a body of water. The design includes a representation of leaves and grasses, the number ‘50’ and the inscription ‘MALAYAN EMERGENCY’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 12** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coloured Coin – Korean War**  **Reverse**  A representation of 5 soldiers in uniform, walking up a hill. The design includes a representation of a landscape featuring rolling plains, grass. In the background is a stylised representation of a map, including an interrupted horizontal line. At the bottom of the face of the coin is a coloured representation of the Korea Medal ribbon and a coloured representation of the United Nations Service Medal for Korea ribbon. The design includes a stylised representation of a clasp, the number ‘50’ and the inscriptions ‘NORTH’, ‘DEMARCATION LINE’, ‘38TH PARALLEL’, ‘SOUTH’ and ‘KOREAN WAR’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 13** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coin – Afghanistan**  **Reverse**  A representation a soldier in uniform and an Afghani man sitting in an arched doorway. The design includes a representation of 3 soldiers, men and camels walking in a desert. In the background is a representation of mountains. The design also includes the number ‘50’ and the inscription ‘AFGHANISTAN’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 14** | **$1 Copper, Aluminium and Nickel Coin - 50th Anniversary of Decimal Currency ‘C’ Counterstamp**  **Reverse**  A stylised representation of 5 kangaroos. The design includes the inscription ‘1 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 initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. The design features a stylised representation of an Australian florin coin as it appeared in 1963, omitting the year of the coin and the denomination. The design includes the letter ‘C’ enclosed by a circle, denoting Canberra and the inscriptions ‘FIFTY YEARS, ‘ELIZABETH II’, ‘AUSTRALIA’. The design also includes 2 representations of a dot and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design is enclosed by an ornamental border. |
| **Item 15** | **$5 Silver Coloured Coin – Remember the Fallen**  **Reverse**  A triangle with rounded corners containing a coloured representation of a stained glass window, featuring a coloured representation of a light-horseman. The design includes representations of rosemary, irregular shapes and the inscriptions ‘Remember The Fallen’ 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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 16** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coloured Coin – 50 Years of Play School Humpty**  **Reverse**  The design features a coloured representation of the Humpty character from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation television series - Play School, holding a yellow balloon, a blue balloon and a red balloon. That coloured representation is delineated by an interrupted line. Next to the balloons is a coloured representation of the Play School logo, including the words ‘PLAY SCHOOL’. In the background is a pattern of curved lines. The design is enclosed by an interrupted line inside the rim of the coin and includes 3 stylised representations of a cloud, the inscriptions ‘50 YEARS OF’ and ‘50’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 17** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coloured Coin – 50 Years of Play School Jemima**  **Reverse**  The design features a coloured representation of the Jemima character from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation television series - Play School, wearing a cone-shaped hat. That coloured representation is delineated by an interrupted line. Next to Jemima is a coloured representation of the Play School logo, including the words ‘PLAY SCHOOL’. In the background is a pattern of curved lines. The design is enclosed by an interrupted line inside the rim of the coin and includes 5 stylised representations of a flower, the inscriptions ‘50 YEARS OF’ and ‘50’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes the initials of the designer Ian Rank-Broadley ‘IRB’. |
| **Item 18** | **50c Copper and Nickel Coloured Coin – 50 Years of Play School Big Ted and Little Ted**  **Reverse**  A coloured representation of the Little Ted character from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation television series - Play School, flying a kite. That coloured representation is delineated by an interrupted line. The design also includes a coloured representation of the Big Ted character from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation television series - Play School, with a cone-shaped hat and a decorated box. The coloured representation of Big Ted is delineated by an interrupted line. In the background is a pattern of curved lines. The design is enclosed by an interrupted line inside the rim of the coin and includes 2 stylised representations of a flower, 2 stylised representations of a cloud, the inscriptions ‘50 YEARS OF’ and ‘50’.  **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’ and the inscription, in numerals, of a year. The obverse design includes 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 denomination, 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 2015 (No. 10)* is to determine the denomination, 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 Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, Alex Hawke, in accordance with paragraph 13(2)(b) and subsection 13A(1) of the *Currency Act 1965.*