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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF ASSAY OFFICES

##### *Inspections by H.M. Mint*

- 3 (1) Her Majesty's Mint may at any time and from time to time as thought fit in normal office hours visit any assay office for the purpose of inspecting the assay department of that office and of ascertaining and assessing the accuracy and efficiency of their methods and procedures of assay; and a report on the assay department of each assay office shall be prepared once in every period of fourteen months by the Queen's Assay Master and presented to the Deputy Master of Her Majesty's Mint, copies of such reports having first been sent to the Council and the assay office concerned.
- (2) If such assay methods, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Mint, are not of such a standard as will enable that assay office to report accurately on the fineness of any article, or articles, of precious metal, then Her Majesty's Mint shall notify the Council and the assay office forthwith and make to each of them such recommendations as appear requisite in relation to such assay methods; and the Council shall consult with the assay office as to the action Q to be taken upon such recommendations.
- (3) Her Majesty's Mint shall be entitled to make a reasonable charge to each assay office in respect of the performance of their functions under this paragraph.

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