

Access to Public Information Response

February 22nd 2017

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on February 22nd 2017:

With respect to your Code of Practice for Access to Public Information your response to the following would be much appreciated.

Background to Request

Coin collecting is apparently ever more popular. Collectors have individual ways of enjoying their hobby but common to most is the desire to understand the very numbers of individual coins in existence. The coins in question fall into two broad categories “circulated” - the coins on the street and “uncirculated” – those coins produced for ceremony, special events etc. produced in lesser numbers and not generally available on the street.

My specific questions are:

1. On behalf of the Bailiwick of Guernsey and its government what specific office is responsible for recording the production numbers of both circulated and uncirculated coins?
2. Is the office at Question 1 regulated by your Code of Practice for Access to Public Information and therefore to be expected to answer questions on coin mintage numbers?

States of Guernsey response sent on March 1st 2017:

Further to your request made under the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information, please see below for a response.

Treasury is responsible for the Guernsey currency, and yes it is subject to the Code of Practice on Access to Public Information. However, the States of Guernsey does not have records of the production numbers of circulated and uncirculated coins. Guernsey started issuing its own circulating currency in 1947 and does not have all the historic information/records required to answer such a request.