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[SUPREME COURT TAXING OFFICE]

\* PRACTICE DIRECTION  
(TAXATION: DECIMAL CURRENCY)

B *Costs—Taxation—Decimalisation—Decimal currency figures to be used—Decimal Currency Act, 1969 (c. 19), Sch. 1.*

C 1. In order to assist solicitors in the change over to decimal currency on February 15, 1971, bills of costs lodged in the Supreme Court Taxing Office between January 11, 1971, and May 14, 1971, inclusive, may be prepared in either £ s. d. or decimal currency. However, when £ s. d. is used, the total(s) in the summary of the bill must show the decimal equivalent(s). After May 14, 1971, only bills prepared in decimal currency will be accepted.

D 2. In converting items of costs from £ s. d. to decimal currency, the Whole Penny Table, as laid down in Schedule I to the Decimal Currency Act, 1969, should be used.

D 3. As from October 1, 1970, all allocaturs and certificates of taxation will show decimal equivalents in brackets until February 15, 1971, when all figures will be shown in decimal currency only.

D 4. The Whole Penny Table and examples of bill summaries will be displayed in all chambers as from October 1, 1970.

PAUL ADAMS,  
Chief Master,  
Supreme Court Taxing Office.

E July 31, 1970.

[QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION]

F \* STRINGER v. MINISTER OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ANOTHER

1970 April 8, 9, 10, 13, 14;  
July 3

Cooke J.

G *Town Planning—Appeal to Minister—Minister's discretion—Radio telescope—Jodrell Bank area—Planning authority's agreement to discourage development within area—Agreement invalid—Refusal of planning application—Whether refusal void—Minister's policy to discourage development—Minister's powers on appeal—Whether Minister exercised his discretion—Town and Country Planning Act, 1962 (10 & 11 Eliz. 2, c. 38), ss. 17 (1), 23 (4).<sup>1</sup>*

H *Town Planning—Planning permission—"Material considerations" Jodrell Bank area—Refusal of application on ground of interference with telescope—Whether "material considerations"—*

<sup>1</sup> Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, s. 17: "(1) . . . where an application is made to a local planning authority for planning permission, that authority, in dealing with the application, shall have regard to the provisions of the development plan, so far as material to the application, and to any other material considerations.

S. 23: "(4) Where an appeal is brought under this section from a decision of a local planning authority, the Minister, . . . may allow or dismiss the appeal, . . . and may deal with the application as if it had been made to him in the first instance."