



Note following conference for CEOs of UK banks and building societies

Martin Stewart, Director of Banks, Building Societies and Credit Unions Supervision, and relevant supervisors met with the CEOs of UK banks and building societies on 7 and 8 December at the PRA's Moorgate offices.

These conferences are designed to promote structured engagement between the regulator and senior executives of the supervised firms on policy issues and market trends.

This year's conference focused on capital policy and operational resilience. The Basel proposals on the Standardised Approach for credit risk were discussed as was planned proposals on updating the PRA's approach to assessing Pillar 2A capital for smaller firms. In line with its secondary objective the PRA announced that it would hold a seminar on 20 February 2017 on its plans for a more proportionate approach to IRB applications.

Presentations also included the evolving resilience of the sector to reductions in Bank rate, a discussion on forward looking lending plans and an articulation of the PRA's approach to targeted stress tests. Other sessions included signposting recently published key policy initiatives such as MREL (designed to deal with ending 'Too Big To Fail'), IFRS 9 (a new accounting standard) and the Building Societies Sourcebook.

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