

# **ALMA/ AFGAP Summer Conference 2009**

## **Intra Day Liquidity Management**

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- **Figures and stats**
- **Principles of Intra Day Liquidity**
- **Issues to manage – normal and stressed**
- **Future regulation**

# Intra Day Liquidity - statistics

## CHAPS:

- Average daily values in 2008 £289 bln - about 140,000 transactions (peak 244,000)
- Market supplies up to £18 bln of collateral to support these flows

## EUROCLEAR UK&I:

- Daily turnover of around £1.3 trln bln daily – 276,000 transactions daily
- Deliveries By Value (DBV) gilt and equities settlements of £250 bln daily

## EUROCLEAR FRANCE:

- Daily turnover of approx €276m – 126,000 transactions daily

## TARGET2

- Average daily values €2,667 bln – about 370,000 transactions

## CLS:

- Settles over \$ 3 trillion of FX deals daily - peak day \$ 8 trln

# BASEL Principles

## Principles for sound liquidity management and supervision

***“A bank should actively manage its intraday liquidity positions and risks to meet payment and settlement obligations on a timely basis under both normal and stressed conditions and thus contribute to the smooth functioning of payment and settlement systems.”***

Basel Report September 08

# BASEL Principles – 6 operational elements

## 1. Capacity to measure/ forecast daily inflows and outflows

- *understand net shortfalls, business needs*
- *understand rules of payment systems*

## 2. Ability to monitor intraday positions against available resources

- *helps identify minor problems, blockages etc/ before they become major*
- *control flows to ensure not undue exposure to the system*

## 3. Arrange to acquire sufficient intraday funding to meet the above

- *use of central bank facilities for intraday credit*
- *use of customer collateral where given*

# BASEL Principles – 6 operational elements

## 4. Ability to manage and mobilise collateral operationally

*- ensure bank knows timeframes for local, cross border movements*

## 5. Be able to manage outflows of key customers, using credit where needed

*- ensure robust credit procedures for customers i.e. timely referrals*

## 6. Be prepared to deal with unexpected disruptions

*- internal escalation and awareness*

*- impact on market, customers*

# Managing normal and stress

- **Poor control of a Bank's payments can lead to negative market perception...and multiplied many times in stressed scenarios**
- **Important to keep payments flowing – “scheduling” systems can monitor flows in and out**
- **Need to provide consistent service to your customers**
- **How to work out a ‘normal’ collateral requirement?**
- **How much collateral is needed in stressed environment? Whose stress? Market/ proprietary/ customer?**

# Future regulation

- FSA and global regulators are targeting intraday liquidity - CP08/22 etc.
- - Throughout the crisis period the payment systems have performed remarkably well...
  - Highlights the need to ensure regulators understand what they are trying to regulate
  - Important to avoid unintended consequences e.g. as in the US Fedwire
- Seeking more collateral from both payment providers and customers
  - Will this help? What does this mean for existing infrastructure?
  - Will this drive intraday liquidity charging?
- Consultation papers highlight the need for more/ better data to support assumptions/ tests
  - Banks don't tend to store intraday data so development needed
- Escalation and senior management understanding
  - Ensure our senior executives understand the flows and risks being managed
  - Include incident and contingency procedures fully documented

Any questions?

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