

# Current Issues for Bill and Ben



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# “Bill” - AKA Revenues

- Local Income Tax
  - IRRV response to consultation
  - 3 pence in the £ by 2011
    - £281million shortfall
    - £400m ctb grant
  - Tax evasion?





# Bill's Strategies

- Recovery in the “Credit Crunch”
  - Hit ‘em quick
  - Information overload
  - Increased Bankruptcy?
  - New ESA powers?
- Empty Rates
  - Separate targets?
  - Recovery stories?



## More From Bill - Operational

- DD take up
  - 85% DD for some LA's
  - BACS campaign
  - Software suppliers initiatives
- SPD reviews
  - Experian residency checker
  - Links with fraud teams?
- Bankruptcy and Diligence Act



# And Over to Ben.....



- ESA
  - What is all the fuss about?
- Pension Service Claims
  - Enhanced customer service?
  - Less forms
  - Quicker processing times?

# Ben 2



- JSA in work pilots
- LHA issues
  - Rent levels
  - Heffernan case impact
- Supported Accommodation
  - Bill to big for its boots?
  - Mass of caselaw
  - Guidance!



# Ben 3



- PFA guidance
  - Been promised for a while
- Rest of UK government Connects
  - Coco guidance reissued
- Corporate fraud role in recruitment / vetting CRB checks





# Developments to watch for



- Northern Ireland changes:
  - Capital limit raised to £50,000 (ctb)
  - Auto awards for over 70's - 25% discount ctax
  - Green reliefs
- Information Commissioner
  - Consultation documents out at moment
  - Frivolous LA's not adhering to law
  - Personal fines
  - How Robust are your data retention rules?



# Any Questions?

