

**Thomas Penny**

**From:** Thomas Penny  
**Sent:** 04 February 2009 10:32  
**To:** Denham Steve  
**Cc:** Pritchard Howard; Sewell Peter (FEL01)  
**Subject:** FW: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue  
**Attachments:** Security Incident



Hi Steve

Good news, then.

Attached, please find proposed response to Dave Posnett.

I have been unable to provide status of the CP to automate the event checking process - has this been approved/progressed?

Please also let me know if you have any other comments and confirm when it is appropriate to send.

Kind regards  
Penny

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**From:** Chambers Anne O  
**Sent:** 03 February 2009 13:43  
**To:** Thomas Penny  
**Cc:** Pritchard Howard; Sewell Peter (FEL01); Holmes Alan; Evans Steve (FEL01); Allen Graham (BRA01); Peach Mik; Denham Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Penny,

I've checked the messagestores you provided, for the branches where I couldn't confirm by other methods that the locking was caused by contention between the EOD process and a Riposte checkpoint being written.

Nobody was logged on to the counters at the time the events were generated, in any of the 7 instances. So the contention was almost certainly between the two processes mentioned above, and had no effect on any transactions or balancing carried out at the branches.

The attached spreadsheet shows the branches checked etc.

I think this task is now complete, unless anyone knows otherwise?

*Anne*

 **GRO**

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**From:** Chambers Anne O  
**Sent:** 02 February 2009 09:27  
**To:** Thomas Penny; Denham Steve; Peach Mik

**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Good morning,

I'm working from home today, but I did complete most of the event checks on Friday. There are 6 or possibly 7 events which I cannot immediately rule out and so we will need the messages for the day to see if anyone was logged on and what they were doing (unless you still have the Riposte event/transaction logs available in which case I'll look at them first).

This doesn't mean that the 4/5 branches are likely to have had the problem, just that I can't rule it out yet.

It should only take about half a day to check all the message extracts, once available, so I think actually getting the extracts is the bit that will take time now (especially as you aren't in the office!)

There's no point progressing with the two ringers (██████████ GRO ████████) think) although my check did trap them.

*Anne*



GRO

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**From:** Thomas Penny  
**Sent:** 02 February 2009 08:06  
**To:** Denham Steve; Chambers Anne O; Peach Mik  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Hi Anne

Hope all is well with you.

I've received an e-mail from POL on Friday chasing for status on this exercise. Can you give me an estimate for completion?

That said, I have been unable to get into the office today because of the weather conditions and that may also be the case for you. Forecasts are that tomorrow may be just as bad.

Kind regards  
Penny

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**From:** Denham Steve  
**Sent:** 28 January 2009 17:02  
**To:** Chambers Anne O; Peach Mik  
**Cc:** Thomas Penny  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Ok thanks, just curious that it recurs at so few branches

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**From:** Chambers Anne O  
**Sent:** 28 January 2009 16:33  
**To:** Peach Mik  
**Cc:** Thomas Penny; Denham Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Mik, Steve,

Most if not all of these will be caused by Riposte checkpoints failing to be written (a benign failure), which I should be able to confirm in most cases from the SSC event archives. This is a quick check - a few minutes per event/day. If I can't confirm it, then Penny will have to get the messagestore back for the day or possibly longer, and I'll have to look in more detail - but I hope there won't be many instances for which this is necessary. I'll reassess the scale of the job once I've done the first step.

Where the cause is the checkpoint failing to write, there are two background processes colliding, and nothing to do with what the clerk is (or isn't) doing at the time.

*Anne*

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**From:** Peach Mik  
**Sent:** 28 January 2009 13:31  
**To:** Chambers Anne O  
**Cc:** Thomas Penny; Denham Steve  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Anne,  
I don't know how long each of these takes.  
If you could give me some idea of the timescales, then, if necessary, I will allocate some help for you.  
Regards  
Mik

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**From:** Denham Steve  
**Sent:** 28 January 2009 13:26  
**To:** Chambers Anne O  
**Cc:** Peach Mik; Thomas Penny

**Subject:** FW: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Hi Anne, hope you are well

Just following up the audit issue from a couple of weeks past.

There are 27 instants on the list, 2 of which were the original ones, interestingly only 10 sites.

I've had a chat with Mik, to get authorisation for you to do this and he is ok, albeit a little concerned around the amount of time it will take.

Whilst it is urgent, I appreciate that you have a tonne of other stuff to, so as and when you can fit these in.

Would also be interested in understanding, is there a conversation that we need to have with the PO'S?, since there are a number that have frequent occurrences.

Thanks

Steve

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**From:** Thomas Penny  
**Sent:** 19 January 2009 09:28  
**To:** Denham Steve  
**Cc:** Pritchard Howard; Sewell Peter (FEL01); Holmes Alan; Evans Steve (FEL01); Chambers Anne O; Allen Graham (BRA01)  
**Subject:** FW: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Hi Steve

Not sure whether this info has been passed on to you in my absence.

Can confirm the 2 ringers are included.

Kind regards  
Penny

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**From:** Holmes Alan  
**Sent:** 12 January 2009 09:52  
**To:** Thomas Penny  
**Cc:** Evans Steve (FEL01); Barnes Gerald  
**Subject:** RE: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Penny

I have compared your ARQs with the event data constrained as follows:

1. Only the specific Riposte timeout event
2. Events between 1st May 07 and 30th Nov 08 inclusive
3. Events logged between 19:00 and 19:10
4. Events logged by Counter 1

I have added a worksheet into your original spreadsheet with the results - 27 matches. Can you confirm that your ringers are in there.

Alan

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**From:** Evans Steve (FEL01)  
**Sent:** 09 January 2009 16:11  
**To:** Barnes Gerald; Holmes Alan  
**Subject:** FW: Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

**Stephen A Evans**

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**From:** Thomas Penny  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 08, 2009 2:42 PM  
**To:** Evans Steve (FEL01)  
**Subject:** Outlet Checking List - Audit Issue

Hi Steve

Please find attached outlet checking list. Thought it best to send to you so you can explain to Gerald.

Kind regards  
Penny

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