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Simon,

I've found some details on the problem. It is described in Peak PC0126376 (and others).

It was first raised in September 2005. The fix was applied as part of S90 which was rolled out February / March 2006.

The root cause of the issue was that data (ie transactions) was not being copied correctly between counters in certain circumstances, so transactions or transfers carried out on one counter were not visible on reports produced on another counter in the same branch. The avoidance was to restart the failing counter (which happened automatically at about 3am each day), at which point all the missing transactions were successfully copied. The problem in business terms was that due to the transactions not being visible, SMPRs considered that they had not been input and so re-input the transactions thus ending up with duplicate transactions and so when the originals came through the following day, the accounts would be in a mess. In particular if a Transfer of cash / stock was accepted more than once on different counters then that would result in a Receipts / Payments mismatch when the Stock Unit was next Balanced.

We reported the problem to POL, but I don't know how much of an investigation was carried out into the scope and the number of affected braches. I was not involved in the issue at the time and only really become aware of it a part of the Misra case in 2010.

This problem was evidenced by a large number of events in the event logs. I remember searching through the event logs for the Misra case with the Defence Expert to show that there was no such pattern of events in the Misra logs.

These events were visible to our 2nd line support staff and there were instructions for them to phone the affected branch and recommend that they rebooted the affected counter if such events were seen.

Regards

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