BBRS: what needs to happen next

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'Fight the next battle, not the last'

- BBRS' historical Scheme died in February
- Contemporary one will do the same on 31 December
- Treasury Committee has launched <u>inquiry</u> into SME finance
- FCA angling for <u>expanded FOS</u>
- Likewise <u>EST</u> (and his Shadow)
- Any prizes for guessing why?

'Get ahead of the enemy'

- Respond to the Treasury
 Committee Call for Evidence
- Explain (briefly) why the BBRS failed
- Set out (in detail) why the FOS is not the answer and tribunals are needed
- Make it clear that SMEs were right last time so deserve to he heard this time round

'Detail matters!'

- Don't forget the Limitation Act issue - historical cases are now time-barred
- No reason for a cap on awards
- SME lending <u>should</u> be within the regulatory perimeter, S404 redress schemes needed

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