

Is Barclays guilty of a criminal offence?

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Full marks to [Andy Wightman who has posted this on his blog](#):

This evening I submitted the following report to the Tower Hamlets Division of the Metropolitan Police.

"I am contacting you as the police authority responsible for the area in which Barclays PLC, 1 Churchill Place, London has its HQ. From press reports today and, in particular on the basis of the [Final Notice issued by the Financial Services Authority](#) today, 27 June 2012 (FSA Reference No. 122702), I have reason to believe that a crime of fraud has been committed by Barclays Bank PLC and hereby report this alleged crime to the Metropolitan Police."

Section 4 of the [Fraud Act 2006](#) would seem to cover matters nicely.

I look forward to their response.

I'm not a lawyer, but as an accountant it looks to me that he has a good argument.

And I rather hope that's the case. The culture of unaccountability has to be broken.