



## F.S.C

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This notice is issued by the Financial Supervision Commission ("the Commission") in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Section 22 of the Financial Supervision Act 1988.

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##### **Advance Fee Fraud**

The Commission has recently become aware of e-mail correspondence which mentions the above website. This website claims to represent Barclays Private Bank at an address of 43-51 Athol Street, Douglas Isle of Man, IM99 1EF.

In the correspondence seen by the Commission they claim there is a fixed deposit of \$6,800,000 which supposedly belongs to a deceased gentleman with no living relatives and they wish to "...transfer custody to you for our mutual benefit.".

There are three genuine Barclays licenceholders on the Isle of Man. They are:

Barclays Bank PLC – Banking licence.

Barclays Private Bank & Trust (IOM) Limited – Banking, Corporate Service Provider, Trust Service Provider licences.

Barclays Private Clients International Limited – Banking licence.

We can confirm that none of these genuine entities has an address at 43-51 Athol Street, Douglas Isle of Man, IM99 1EF.

A list of all institutions licensed by the Commission is available on our website at [www.fsc.gov.im](http://www.fsc.gov.im).

None of the genuine Barclays entities are in any way connected to the above website or fraudulent e-mails.

Under the circumstances the Financial Supervision Commission feels that these e-mails are being issued to tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of an Advance Fee Fraud – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

<http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/westafricanfraud.xml>

OR

Are an attempt at gaining personal data from the recipient in order to steal their identity – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

<http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/identitytheft.xml>

Also see information issued by the Isle of Man Office of the Data Protection Supervisor at:

<http://www.gov.im/lib/news/odps/yourinformationy.xml>

Under the circumstances, the Commission would strongly urge that persons in receipt of correspondence matching the above description exercise the greatest possible caution before proceeding, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice. Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from correspondence matching the above description and who have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689314 or by email to [fsc@gov.im](mailto:fsc@gov.im).

Any persons who have paid funds to, or disclosed personal financial details in relation to correspondence matching the above description should consider contacting their local Police Fraud Unit without delay.

For complete avoidance of doubt this Public Warning does **NOT** relate to the genuine Isle of Man incorporated Barclays entities.

Any persons who may have any concerns as to whether or not they are dealing with the genuine Barclays entities may wish to satisfy themselves by contacting them. Contact details for these entities are available on the genuine Barclays website at [www.internationalbanking.barclays.com](http://www.internationalbanking.barclays.com)

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