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Topic: Project Management Banking Sector

Topic 1: What risk management techniques need to be applied to reduce the current lending risk in the UK banking sector?

Objective: A report in the news this week suggests that UK banks are again at risk of debt defaults despite the caution about lending that was characteristic after the financial crisis in 2008-2009. Therefore, this project intends to examine why there is a new concern about risk and, therefore, how risk is currently managed in the retail/business banking sector and what measures must be taken to mitigate it

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Topic 2: What impact does frequent change in auditor have on confidence in the quality of bank risk audit?

Objective: A report by PWC (2015) stated that "some legislators and regulators have proposed or introduced mandatory audit firm rotation as a solution. Certain stakeholders contend that more proscriptive requirements regarding mandatory audit firm rotation should be adopted more widely specifically for banks because of their importance to the capital market". However, PWC disagreed, stating that more proscriptive rotation requirements would have more adverse consequences for financial institutions in the EU? Therefore, this project intends to appraise the impact of risk audit rotation on audit outcomes.

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