



Harriet Harman was talking tough yesterday, but is she going too far? Picture: REUTERS

Harman targets Goodwin

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DEPUTY Labour leader Harriet Harman said yesterday that former Royal Bank of Scotland chief Sir Fred Goodwin should not count on keeping his £693,000 a year pension, implying the Government would claw it back.

But the LibDems and city lawyers last night warned the government of the dangers of suggesting that it would change the law to intervene.

"I hope that the government will see the light and that we don't end up with a constitutional crisis on top of a financial one," said lawyer Ronnie Fox of Fox Law, warning that legislation designed to claw back monies owed could be a violation of human rights.

Harman said that giving up some of the money would be the "honourable" thing for Goodwin to do – but he argues that his package was approved by the government and cannot be repealed.