The Office of Fair Trading Enforcement Academy

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What I will cover



• Why was the Enforcement Academy set up?

• What is the Enforcement Academy delivering?

(Previously discussed OFT Know-How at 2011 Annual Conference. Also featured in draft EKM chapter)

Enforcement Academy: background

- **OFT Enforcement Debate** identified concerns about the OFT's enforcement work:
 - "fragmentation", "culture", "capability"
 - lack of focus on enforcement training, in particular on hard enforcement skills.
- Enforcement Academy set up in April 2012, tasked with:
 - Improving enforcement skills
 - Improving coordination between enforcement groups
 - Instilling an enforcement culture.
- Resources: Know-how team. Informed by Steering Committee and Champions.

What is the Enforcement Academy Delivering?

Basic level training



- Consumer basic training: 25/26 September
- Competition basic training: 14/15 November



- Skills training
 - Use of Witness Evidence: 4 July, repeated 4 September
 - Obtaining Witness Evidence by Interview: 17 September
 - Questioning & listening strategies and evidence-based decisionmaking: 18 September (limited audience but will be repeated)
 - More to follow....

What is the Enforcement Academy Delivering (2)?

Enforcement Academy meetings



- Fortnightly CA98 Enforcement Forum ... starting in September
- Monthly Consumer Enforcement Forum ... starting in September

Continuation of core services provided by the KH team:

- Know-how intranet pages
- Monthly electronic float
- Cross-Office know-how talks.

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