

Report From The Oilcode Dispute Resolution Adviser (DRA)

1 March 2010 – 30 June 2010

Enquiries & Awareness

During this period the DRA has received 1 enquiry.

The level of enquiries can and does fluctuate over the course of a year. This current low level of enquiry is encouraging and may be indicative of either a low level of industry disputes or of successful negotiations between parties, where resolution has been reached at an early stage.

It is also possible that some industry participants remain unaware of the service provided by the DRA. To this end the DRA's office has submitted articles to a variety of industry publications and met with a number of associations to increase awareness of the service. The DRA welcomes any opportunity to speak with the industry about the dispute resolution service.

Mediation Requests and Appointments

There has been no request received during this period.

Requests for Other Assistance

Over the past 12 months the DRA's office has been more pro-active in investigating and assisting with matters at an early stage (where appropriate). We have not received a request for such assistance during this period. However, our early intervention measures in the period prior to March have resulted in resolutions being reached between the parties involved.

Nature of Disputes Mediated and Unmediated

The nature of disputes varies in any given period. The particular dispute received during this period related to section 44 of the Code and involved issues pertaining to the leasing of a site.

Emerging Trends & Identification of Systemic Problems

We do not perceive there to be an emerging trend during this period. We have not identified any systemic problems at this stage.

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