

**Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry**

**CAPP Response, December 2009, to Undertaking to Mr. Roil**

**Transcript November 16, 2009 page 209 lines 4-9**

**Re: Provide Update to U.K. Helicopter Task Group information that is not on the website of the Task Group**

CAPP has received a summary of the key outcomes from the last Helicopter Task Group (HTG) meeting on 25 November.

**Helicopter Operations Awareness Course for safety representatives**

The HTG had previously unanimously supported proposals for visits by safety representatives to helicopter operators to help them understand how rigorous and professional the maintenance and operational controls are. These visits have now been formalised into a full-day Helicopter Operations Awareness Course with a set syllabus that includes a tour of the operating base and other fixed elements.

There will be 12 dates available next year (3 courses delivered each quarter), with the first three dates in January already fully booked. The course is open to safety representatives and each course will accommodate up to 15 attendees and will last from 9am until 4pm each day.

**Webcast - Bob Keiller outlines work of the HTG**

At the Oil & Gas UK breakfast briefing on 25 November 2009, Bob Keiller, chair of the Helicopter Task Group, gave an overview of the activities of the HTG and an insight into ongoing projects. The presentation is available on the HTG website at the link below or by going to the website and going to Events - Previous Events. Link:

<http://www.oilandgasuk.co.uk/downloadabledocs/583/3.%20Bob%20Keiller,%20HTG.pdf>

**Outcomes from Vantage consultation**

The consultation on proposed improvements to the Vantage system has now closed, with 330 responses received. The two proposals which have been supported widely for further development were the scanning of Vantage cards before boarding and the freezing of flights 15 minutes ahead of take off. This work will now be taken to the Vantage Users group to agree the necessary next steps and timeline.