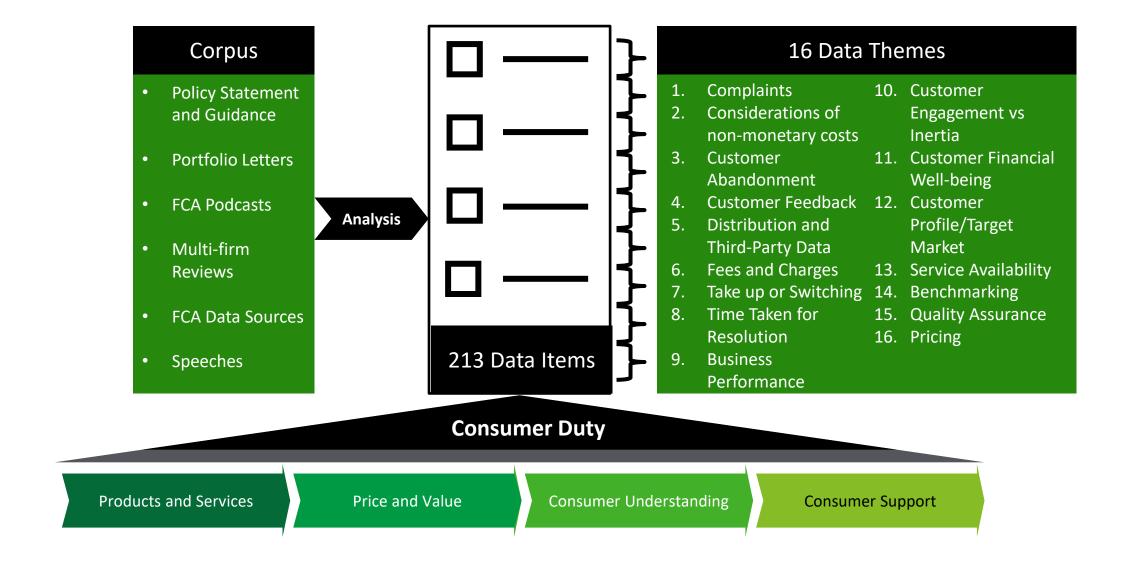
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Evidencing Duty Compliance: Technical Annex

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## Overview of Methodology



## Methodology

## Corpus

- Policy Statement and Guidance
- Portfolio Letters
- FCA Podcasts

Data

Themes

Outcomes

- Multi-firm Reviews
- FCA Data Sources
- Speeches

Timeline
The analysis covers FCA publications on the Duty from November 2022 to February 2024.
Additionally, it covers the Final Policy Statement and Guidance published on 27 July 2022.

We identified **36** FCA Duty-related publications or publications where the Duty was mentioned, such as portfolio letters or speeches.

We analysed each document, identifying and extracting every mention or reference to a quantifiable data metric or data source. In total, we recorded **213** data items.

We mapped each data item into groups of connected data items (Data Themes). We identified **16** unique Data Themes.

We mapped each data item to its corresponding Duty Outcomes – in many cases items were mapped to more than one Duty Outcome.

## **Data Themes Description**

#### **Complaints**

Information collected by firms regarding customer complaints. This data can include the number and types of complaints received, the channels through which they were received.

### Distribution and thirdparty data

Information and insights collected by firms from third parties, such as distributors, manufacturers, brokers, advisors, and other parties involved in servicing their customers or selling products.

#### **Business Performance**

Includes quantifiable measures used to evaluate the success of a firm. These metrics can include financial indicators such as sales, profit, and revenue.

#### Service availability

Set of measures used to assess the availability and reliability of a service. Some examples include service outage times and website down time.

## Considerations of nonmonetary cost

Refers to the non-financial costs that customers may incur when interacting with a firm or purchasing a product or service.

#### **Fees and Charges**

Refers to the costs that firms impose on customers. These fees and charges can include transaction fees and ancillary charges.

#### Customer Engagement vs Inertia

Measures used to evaluate the effectiveness of a firm's communication, engagement strategies and the degree of customer loyalty/persistence.

#### **Benchmarking**

Data that relates to comparing and evaluating the performance of the product or service against industry/market standards.

#### **Customer Abandonment**

When a customer initiates a transaction or interaction with a firm, but then terminates or abandons the process before completing it.

#### Take up and switching rates

Refers to the percentage of or frequency at which customers choose to adopt, switch to or from a particular product.

### Customer Financial Wellbeing

Measures used to evaluate financial health and stability of firm's customers. These metrics can include savings rate, claims rate, and average claims pay out.

#### **Quality Assurance**

Data in this category is commonly used in quality assurance and compliance monitoring. Some examples include customer file reviews, and staff feedback.

#### **Customer Feedback**

Includes information, opinions, and insights provided by customers about their experiences with a firm, product, or service.

#### Time taken for resolution

Refers to how long it takes for a firm to resolve a customer issue, problem or request.

## Customer profile/target market

Refers to the data and information used to create a comprehensive profile of customers. These metrics help firms understand their customers' characteristics and needs.

#### **Pricing**

Includes data around strategies, methods and key factors that determine pricing. Data in this category would include overall price paid, cross-selling or cross-subsidies.

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