



### ICT and Cyber Security 101 Webinar Dr Rob Nicholls r.nicholls@unsw.edu.au





### Aim

- shining a light on the drivers of cyber security costs
- discussing expected benefits for consumers from information and communications technologies (ICT) investment
- exploring the level, frequency and type of ICT investment
- providing a framework for how we can usefully think about uncertainty, costs and risks for consumers of ICT investment





To increase transparency around ICT costs. Build advocates' knowledge and capacity when engaging with network businesses, regulators and market bodies about ICT expenditure







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# **Cyber security**

Threat	<b>Desired property</b>
<b>S</b> poofing	Authenticity
Tampering	Integrity
Repudiation	Non-repudiability
Information disclosure	Confidentiality
Denial of Service	Availability
Elevation of Privilege	Authorisation





## **Cyber security issues**

- What are the drivers behind cyber security costs, and do they apply to all networks (gas and electricity)?
- Do the same drivers impact other sectors? If so, what level of information can we expect to see in public facing information?
- What is the requirement for data security and how does this align with business models?





## **Cyber security: ENA and Standards ANZ**







### **Cyber security: Is gas different?**

### Information technology in the office domain



- Infrastructure and networks PCs, laptops, servers, databases
- Software applications (information systems)
- Information and data

### Operational technology in the process control domain



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 Safety and Automation Systems Industrial networks and infrastructure Software/Programmable Logic Controller Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Data/information



### People

- Training and awareness
- Professional skills and qualifications
- Emergency drills
- Authorizations and authentication
- Physical security



### Processes

- Management systems
- Governance frameworks
- Policies and procedures
- Vendor/third-party contracts follow-up
- Audit regimes

### Technology

- System design
- Hardening of connections
- Software configuration
- Encryption protocols
- Jamming and spoofing
- Detection and monitoring



## **Effect in other sectors**

- Energy networks have extensive outdoor plant
- Physical security is more complex than telco and more comparable to roads
- Compliance with Commonwealth and state (NSW, SA, Vic) requirements







### **The Five Functions**

- Represent five key pillars of a successful and wholistic cybersecurity program
- Aid organisations in expressing their management of cybersecurity risk at a high level







# **The Identify Function**

- RESPONDER IDENTIFY
- The Identify Function assists in developing an organizational understanding of managing cybersecurity risk to systems, people, assets, data, and capabilities
- Example Outcomes:
  - Identifying physical and software assets to establish an Asset Management program
  - Identifying cybersecurity policies to define a Governance program
  - Identifying a Risk Management Strategy for the organisation





# **The Protect Function**



- The Protect Function supports the ability to limit or contain the impact of potential cybersecurity events and outlines safeguards for delivery of critical services
- Example Outcomes:
  - Establishing Data Security protection to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability
  - Managing Protective Technology to ensure the security and resilience of systems and assets
    - Empowering staff within the organisation through Awareness and Training



## **The Detect Function**

- The Detect Function defines the appropriate activities to identify the occurrence of a cybersecurity event in a timely manner
- Example Outcomes:
  - Implementing Security Continuous Monitoring capabilities to monitor cybersecurity events
  - Ensuring Anomalies and Events are detected, and their potential impact is understood
  - Verifying the effectiveness of protective measures





RESPOND

FRAMEWORK

## **The Respond Function**

- RESPOND • The Respond Function includes appropriate activit DETEC1 take action regarding a detected cybersecurity incident to minimise impact
- Example Outcomes:
  - Ensuring Response Planning processes are executed during and after an incident
  - Managing Communications during and after an event
  - Analysing effectiveness of response activities





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## **The Recover Function**

- The Recover Function identifies appropriate activities to maintain plans for resilience and to restore services impaired during cybersecurity incidents
- Example Outcomes:
  - Ensuring the organisation implements Recovery Planning processes and procedures
  - Implementing improvements based on lessons learned
  - Coordinating communications during recovery activities







### Information and communications technologies (ICT)



### STAYING BIG OR GETTING SMALLER

Expected structural changes in the energy system made possible by the increased use of digital tools







# ICT in the Energy sector

- Use of Enterprise level software (Enterprise Resource Planning or ERP) to deal with all aspects of business
- Major ERP provider on a global basis is SAP
- SAP software is modular, but often customised
- Integration of business support systems (billing) and operational support systems (managing assets)

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HR and People Engagement

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Core HR and Payroll Time and Attendance Management Recruiting and Onboarding Learning and Development Performance and

Compensation Workforce Planning and Analytics



Digital Platform

SAP Cloud Platform

Data Warehousing

Data Management

Management

Enterprise Information

Risk and Compliance

SAP HANA and Databases

Cybersecurity, Governance,

Supplier Management Strategic Sourcing Procurement Services Procurement and External Workforce

Selling and Fulfillment Travel and Expense

Analytics

SAP Analytics Cloud

Business Intelligence

Enterprise Planning

Predictive Analytics

Network and Spend Management

Supply Chain Planning Supply Chain Logistics Manufacturing R&D / Engineering Asset Management

Digital Supply Chain

Intelligent Technologies SAP Leonardo Internet of Things Machine Learning Blockchain



### ICT Budgets as percentage of revenue - global



Source: Technology Budgets: From Value Preservation to Value Creation / Deloitte Insights





# ICT spend by energy companies

- So why is there so much variation?
- What is the money spent on?
- What do the life cycles of the different types of ICT investment look like?
  - Do upgrades result in benefits?
  - How do we know?
- What is the difference in approach between maintenance and upgrades?





### **Allocating benefits**

- Some businesses seek to recover the cost of ICT investment one of two ways:
  - Customers fund we would expect to see benefits in opex reductions
  - Not claim capex on business improvements we would expect to see savings in consumers' pockets.





## **ICT Classification**

- Operational Technology and Infrastructure (OTI) or ICT expenditure?
- SCADA systems may need cybersecurity hardening ICT or OTI?
- SCADA system may be replaced by an alternative ICT ICT or OTI?
- It makes sense to seek standardised approaches to classification





### ICT: Classification

Need the tools of technology business management – e.g. WA Government:

### Data Center

- Enterprise Data Center
- Other Facilities

### Storage

- Tier 1
- Tier 2
- Tier 4
- Cloud Storage
- Cloud Archive

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### Application

- App Dev
- App Support & Ops
- LoB Software
- Cloud Apps

### Output

- Central Print
- Post Processing

### Network

- LAN
- WAN
- Voice
- Other Network
- Cloud Network

### Security & Compliance

- Security Policy
- Compliance
- Disaster Recovery
- Cloud DR

### Communication

Circuits

### End User

- Workspace
- Mobile Devices
- Service Desk
- Field Support
- Cloud Desktop

### This may not be granular enough!

### Delivery

- Project Mgmt
- Client Memt
- Ops Center
- Cloud Ops

### IT Mgmt

- IT Mgmt & Strategic Planning
- Enterprise Architecture
- IT Finance
- Vendor Mgmt

### Compute

- Windows
- Linux
- Unix
- Converged Infrastructure
- Mainframe
- Cloud Compute Windows ٠
- Cloud Compute Linux
- Database
- Mainframe Database
- Middleware
- Mainframe Middleware
- Cloud Platform ٠



### Tier 3

Usage

## **ICT: Risks and Costs**

- Critical issue is transparency
  - Does capex reduce opex?
  - Does opex reduce capex?
  - What is the flow through to pricing?
- Potential transparency tool is a formalised risk assessment





## **ICT: Regulatory driven expenditure**

- The Australian Energy Market Commission's (AEMC) Five Minute Settlement Rule Change aligns operational dispatch and financial settlement at five minutes, reducing the time interval for financial settlement in the national electricity market from 30 minutes to five minutes
  - First operator ICT cost estimate is likely to be high
  - How can we usefully think about ICT cost uncertainty?
  - What types of evidence would we be looking for to be able to gauge how much it will truly cost?





### **Risk management to ISO 31000**

- Risk Likelihood Co
- Almost certain
  Very High
- Likely
- Possible

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- Rare
  Low
- High
- Medium

- Consequences
- Extreme
- Moderate
- Low





# **Risk management to ISO 31000**

- Extreme:
  - Action required: risks that cannot be accepted or tolerated and require treatment. That is, expenditure required
- Moderate:
  - Potential action: risks that will be treated as long as the costs do not outweigh the benefits. That is, expenditure requires justification
- Low:
  - No action: acceptable risks requiring no further treatment. That is, no expenditure required





# **ICT: Rationale**

- The need for ICT expenditure requires transparency:
  - What is the problem?
  - How is the expenditure classified?
  - What is the risk being addressed?
  - In the case of regulatory driven expenditure, why is the cost to be borne by consumers?
  - What is the benefit?
  - How will that benefit be passed on to consumers?









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