

Resource Alignment Reviews

The Role of Business Modeling and Technology Enablement

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AGENDA

- Challenges in Public Sector Resource Management
- TBS Guidance on GC Resource Alignment
- Planning, Reporting and Decision-Making Processes
- Performance-Based Budgeting
- Activity-Based Planning and Resource Utilization
- Technology Enablement Case Studies
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Current Challenges in Public Sector Resource Management

Fiscal Management

- Centrally allotted departmental budget which is allocated "top down" to cost centers
- Focus on "hitting the year-end mark" for public reporting purposes
- Lack of alignment to organizational or program/service performance (i.e. the Finance "silo")
- Perceived "gaming" of forecasts

Governance & Timing

- Excessive layers and approval processes (including annual budget authorization)
- Delegation of responsibility to "planners" lack of true management buy-in or engagement
- Timeliness of creating, reporting and forecasting for decision-making

Technology Enablement

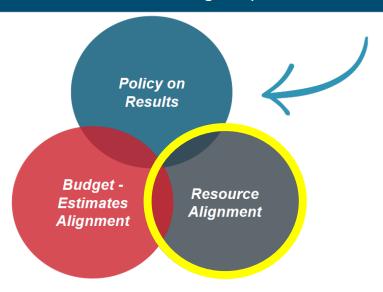
- "Excel Hell" versioning, workflow/approvals, consolidation, ownership
- Software acquisition procurement policies, IT support (bandwidth, hosting, cloud)
- Insufficient resources for technology implementation and training





Policy on Results – Only One Cog in a Bigger Wheel!

Treasury Board Secretariat has launched **three priorities** to transform how the Government manages expenditures



The Departmental Evaluation Plan (excerpt)

A five-year schedule of evaluations, including the identification of specific evaluations

- An indication of whether specific evaluations are mandatory¹⁴ or discretionary
 - If mandatory identify the authoritative basis, i.e., FAA or TB commitments and the expected date of completion as referenced in TB submissions
 - If discretionary identify whether the evaluations are based on risks, priorities or needs

A renewed Policy is an important step in instilling a **strengthened culture of measurement**, **evaluation**, and **innovation** in program and policy design and delivery.



... in order to get the results we want and Canadians deserve.

We will better ensure that our work will be informed by performance measurement and evidence so that we may direct our resources to those initiatives that are having the greatest, positive impact on the lives of Canadians, and that will allow us to meet our commitments.

Source: TBS Launch of the Policy on Results (June 2016)

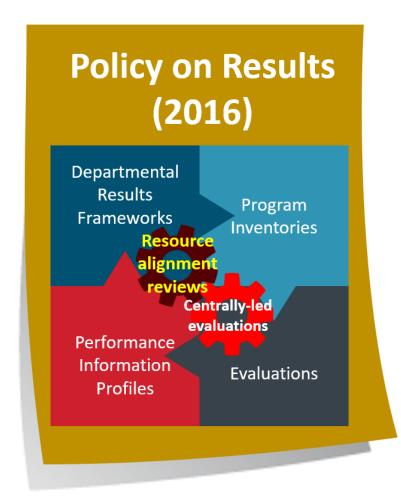
14. While there are more than two types of mandatory evaluations, FAA and TB commitments will form the main focus of mandatory evaluations in the 2017-2018 DEPs. This Guide will be updated in the future to reflect the other types of mandatory evaluations, i.e., evaluations requested by the Secretary of the Treasury Board of Canada; and evaluation activities required to support centrally-led evaluations (e.g. horizontal evaluations initiated by the Secretary) or to support resource alignment reviews (e.g., exercises initiated by the President of TB).

Source: TBS Interim Guide on Results (Sept 2017 - pg. 34)





Very Recent Guidance from TBS on Resource Management



- Planning for centrally-led evaluations
 - Additional arms-length perspective
 - Greater experimentation and the testing to support ongoing evaluation and reviews
 - Performance measurement evolution through work with partners and the development of analytical tools
- > Continuing work on resource alignment reviews
 - Departmental reviews
 - Horizontal reviews

Working towards performance budgeting

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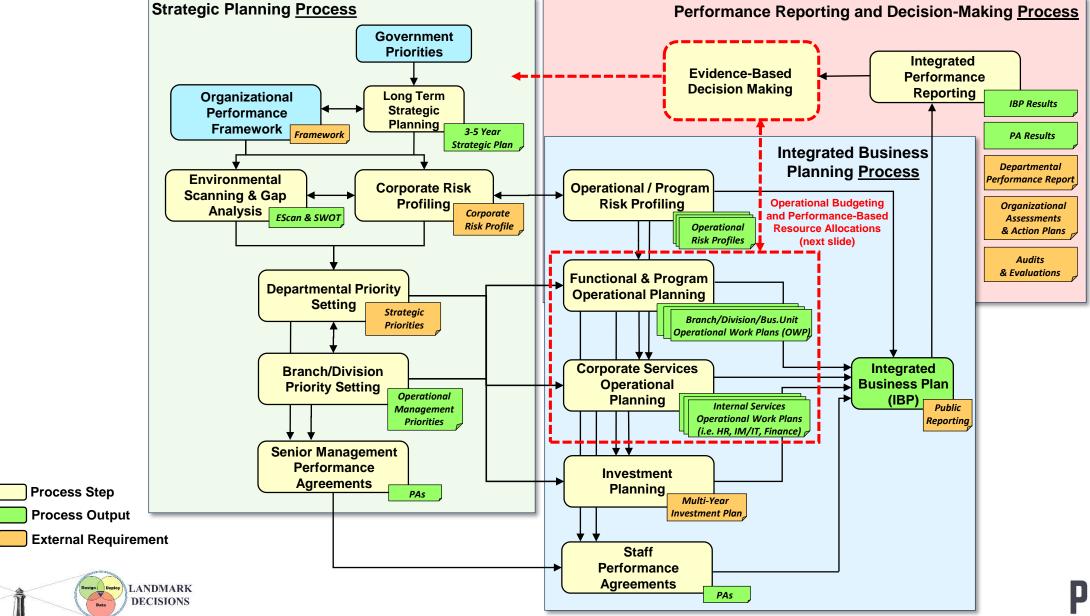
Source: TBS Presentation at PPX 2018 Symposium (May 2018)





Planning, Reporting and Decision-Making Processes

Performance Alignment Solutions



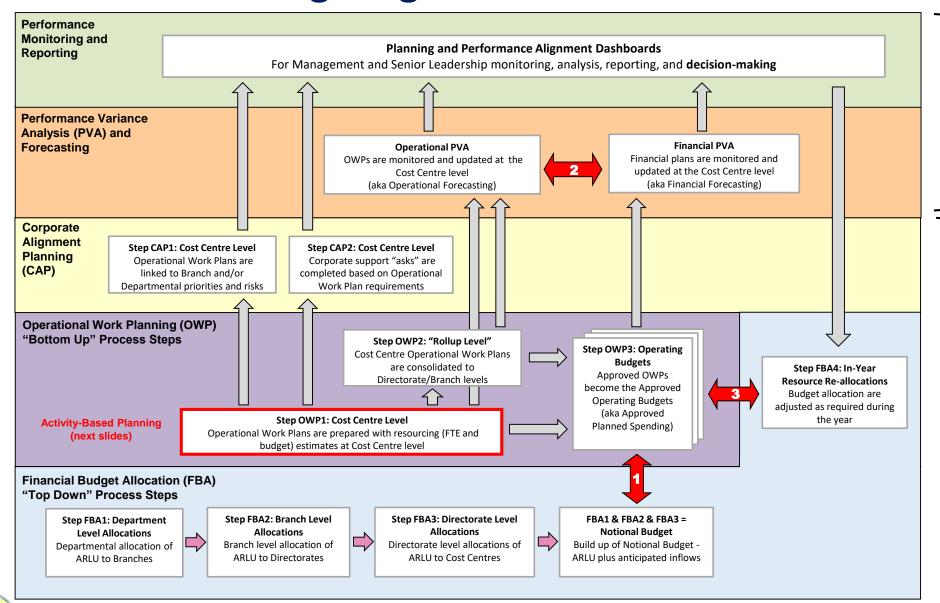
Performance Based Budgeting

Decision Points

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"Evidence-Based Decision-Making for Resource Alignment"



Technology Tools

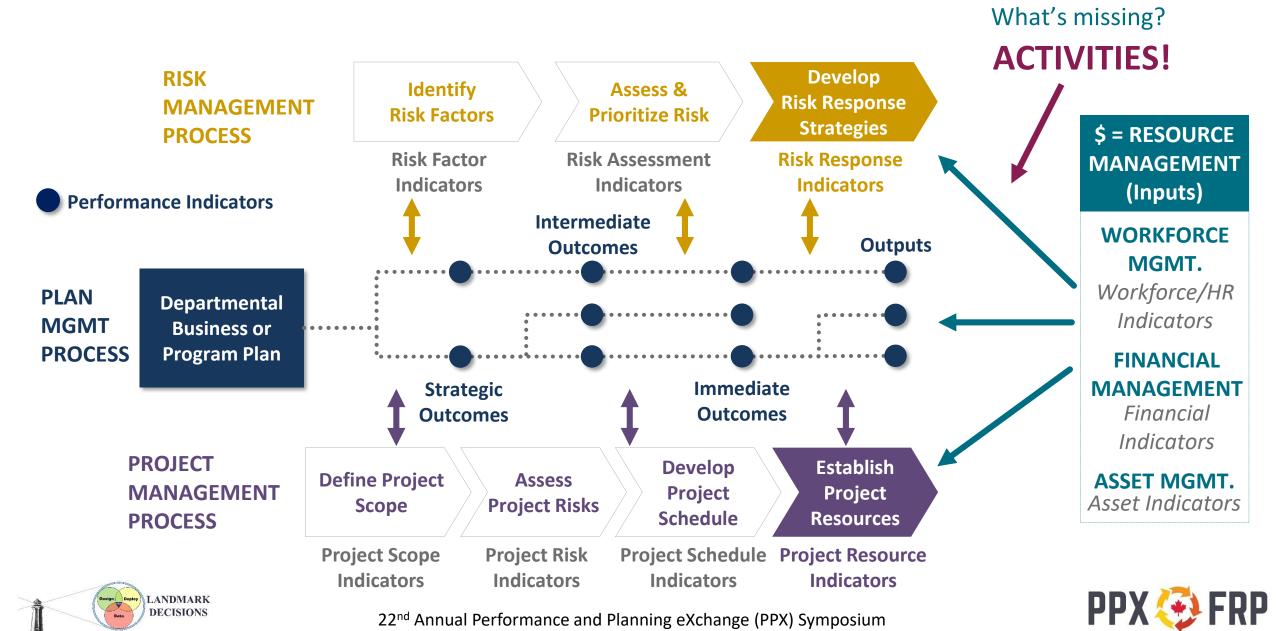
Business
Intelligence (BI)
Dashboards
and/or
Scorecarding

Financial and Operational Planning and Budgeting Tool



Resource Management Alignment

Performance Alianment Solutions



Ottawa, May 16-17, 2018

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FORUM SUR LE RENDEMENT ET LA PLANIFICATION

Logic Models Help Chart the Course

S I I O R I T I O N S

OUTPUTS INPUTS What we deliver (Resources) **ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION** What we invest What we do Who we reach Staff Conduct workshops **Participants** Volunteers Deliver services Clients Time Develop products, Agencies Money curriculum, resources **Decision-makers** Research base Train Customers Materials Provide counselling *Technology* Assess **Partners** *Facilitate* **BUSINESS PROCESSES**

Modified from: University of Wisconsin-Extension - Enhancing Program Performance with Logic Models, p.23.(2003)

OUTCOMES - IMPACT

Why we exist

IMMEDIATE

INTERMEDIATE

ULTIMATE

What the most direct impacts are

Learning

Awareness

Knowledge

Attitudes

Skills

Opinions

Where we have less impact

Action

Behaviour

Practice

Decision-making

Policies

Social Action

What the ultimate impact(s)

is/are

Conditions

Social

Economic

Civic

Environmental





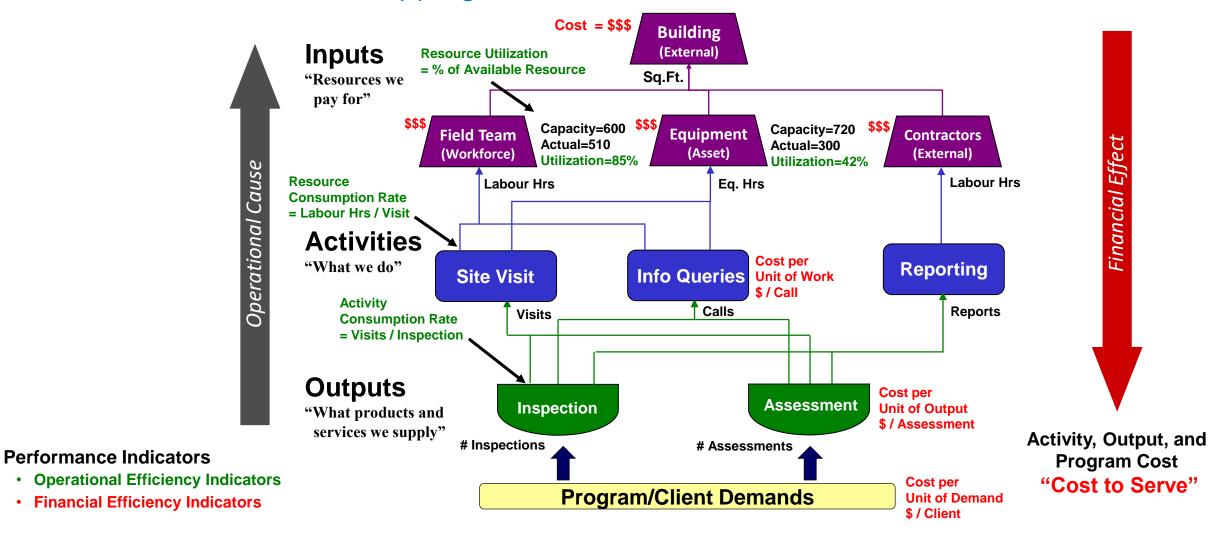
EXTERNAL FACTORS



BUSINESS PROCESS MAPPING (BPM)

Activity-Based Planning (ABP)

via Business Process Mapping







Financial Effect

Program Cost

Why Measure Resource Utilization?

What is the assessment of resource utilization?

- An assessment of resource utilization generally involves asking questions like:
 - What resources are being used by the program?
 - How well are resources being used by the program?
 - Were resources optimized to achieve results?
 - Did the program have enough resources?
 - Could the program have used fewer resources?
 - Can the resources being put into this program be used differently?

SOURCE: Addressing Resource Utilization in Evaluations of Federal Programming: Advancing the Dialogue, Theory and Practice – TBS Centre of Excellence for Evaluation - Canadian Evaluation Society Annual Conference – Halifax (2012)



Benefits of Business Process Modeling for ABP

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

- Resource Allocations & Work Planning
- Capacity Analysis
- Efficiency Indicators

CLIENT MANAGEMENT

- Service Standards
- Cost to Serve / Cost Recovery
- User Fee Pricing Strategies











FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Planning & Budgeting
- Transfer Pricing
- "Value for Money"

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

- Shared Services
- Program Rationalization
- Scenario Playing "What-if"





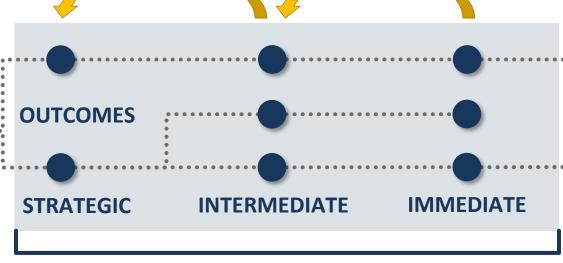
Linking Activity-Based Planning and Performance

Understanding Resource Consumption is the Key to Performance Budgeting!



DEPARTMENTAL, BUSINESS OR PROGRAM PLAN Performance Targets Are Bounded by Resources!

TARGET DEPENDENCIES



Performance Indicators

Operational/Financial Indicators

OUTPUTS

RESOURCES

ACTIVITIES



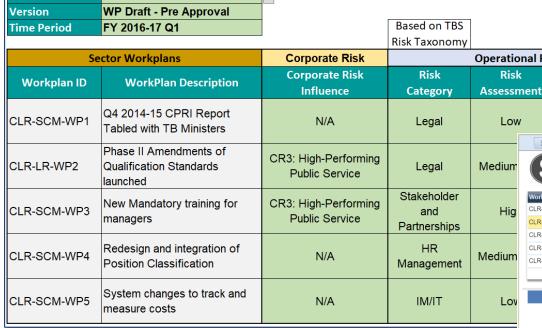


Integrated Business Planning TBS-OCHRO (Proof of Concept – POC)

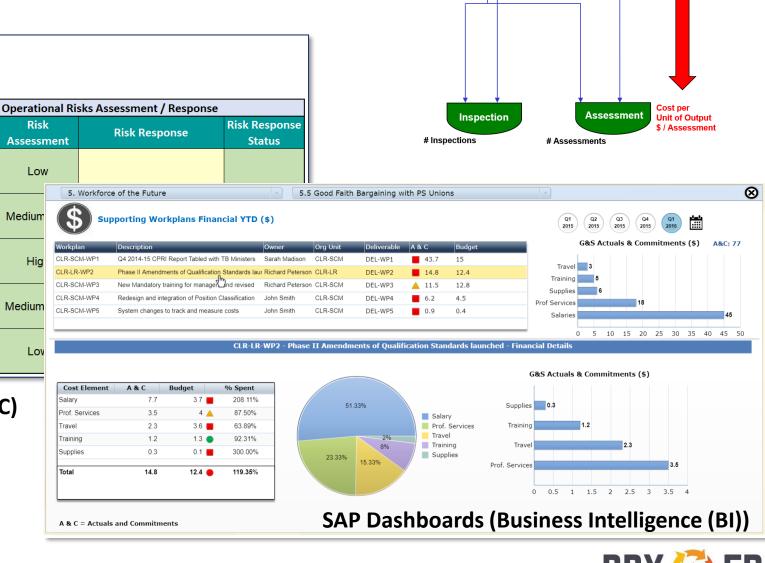
via SAP Technology

Fund Center

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SAP Business Planning and Consolidation (BPC)



(Workforce)

Labour Hrs

(Asset)

Eq. Hrs

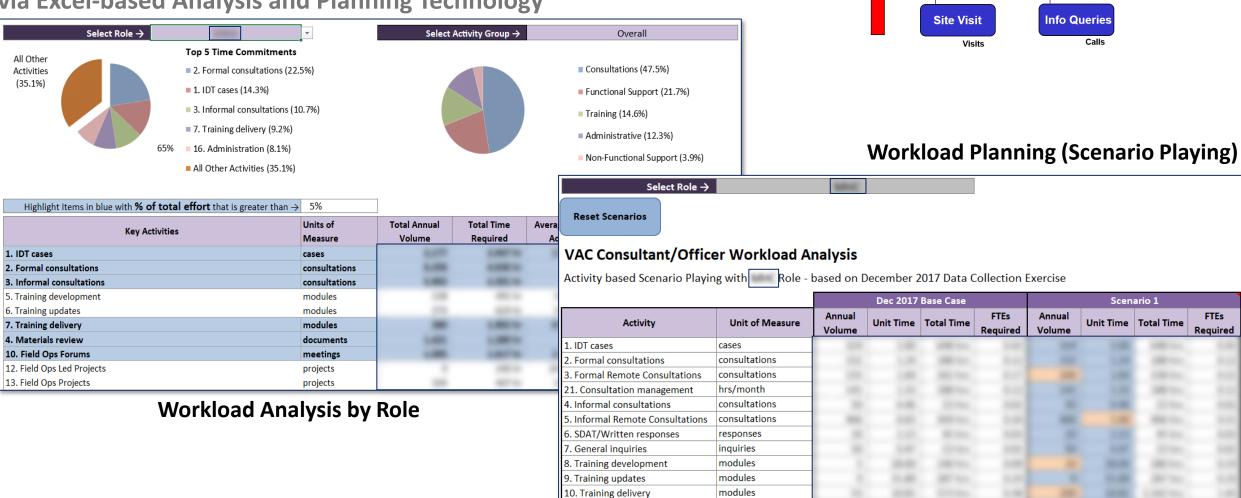




Workload Planning

Veterans Affairs Canada (Production)

via Excel-based Analysis and Planning Technology







Field Ops Projects

projects

Capacity = 600 Actual = 510

Utilization = 85%

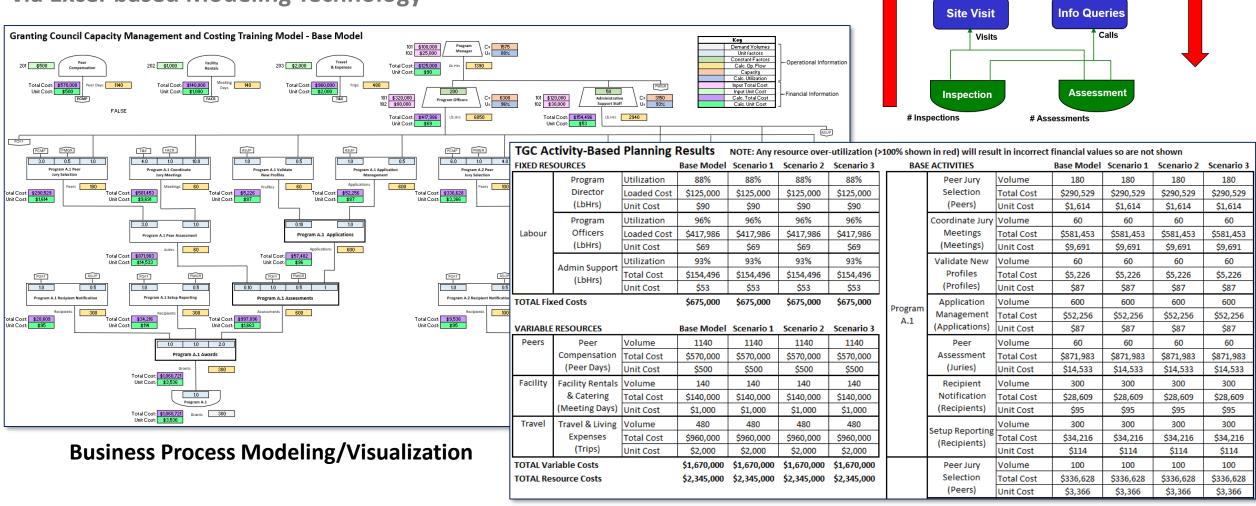
(Workforce)

Labour Hrs

Operational Planning & Costing

Canada Council for the Arts (Training Demo)

via Excel-based Modeling Technology





Operational and Financial Reporting and Analysis



Equipment

(Asset)

(Workforce)

Labour Hrs

Technology Enablement – Value Proposition

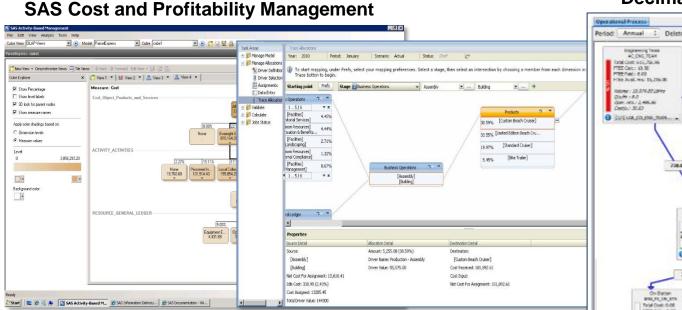
- · Ad-hoc paper-based studies are dated the moment they are completed and are too easily "forgotten."
- Drives discussions and consensus on operational definitions and terminology. Forces the standardization of metadata and data collection strategies.
- Makes performance "Real & Engaging" for all levels of personnel by putting planning and reporting into the hands of "the masses" (particularly the more technology-minded employees (aka Millennials!).

Lots of Options!

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Performance Alignment Solutions

- Large SW Vendors (Oracle, SAP, SAS)
- Niche SW Vendors (Cost Perform, Decimal, Ignite, myABCM, Prodacapo)



Decimal® Suite - Modeler

Oracle-Hyperion Profitability and Cost Management (HPCM)



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Benefits of a More Operational Approach to Planning & Budgeting

The benefits of the demonstrated approach can be summarized in terms of overcoming some of the existing known issues of a purely traditional approach in the public sector

Issues with traditional approaches	Benefits of the ABP approach
"Top down" approach to hit an annual target	"Bottom up" approach to balance operational requirements and provide more flexible in-year resource management
Perceived "gaming" of forecasts	The use of an observable model reduces disagreement on operational forecast metrics. Financial detail follows the operational results.
Lack of alignment and buy-in from all areas of organizational management	All managers are involved on an on-going basis. The clear relationships between inputs and outputs increases understanding and ultimately buy-in
Too detailed / time consuming	Detail only required in key operational areas. Time spent on forward-looking Planning rather than microscopic Budgeting.
"Excel Hell" - often significantly out of date before half-way through the budget cycle	Easier to keep budgets and forecasts up to date with business models and scenario playing





Questions & Answers?

Thank - You!

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