

Session #4B

Assessing cybersecurity readiness

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cybersecurity (n): the state of being protected against the criminal or unauthorized use of electronic data, or the measures taken to achieve this

Cybersecurity Threats & Risks

Common Threats

Nation States

Cybercriminals

Hackers or Hacktivists

Internal

Service Providers

Potential Risks

Data Loss

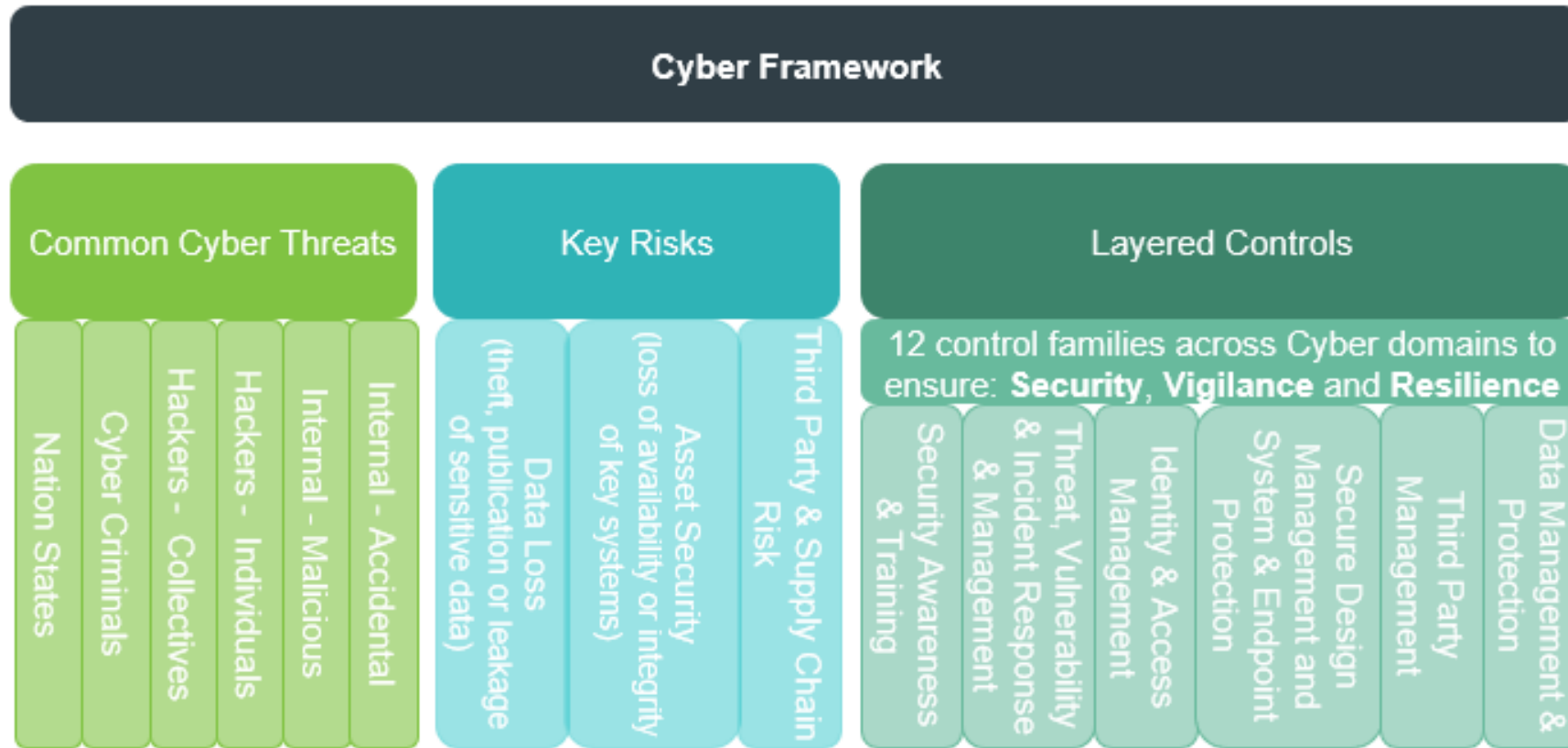
IT Service Failure

Threat Actors Risk

System Integrity Risk

Third Party Security Risk

Cybersecurity Control Framework



Understanding your Organisation



Security Legislation Amendment
(Critical Infrastructure Protection)
Act 2022



Privacy Act 1988

Essential Eight
Maturity Model

Prudential Standard CPS 234 Information Security



Determining Audit Scope

Example Domains

Data Management & Protection

Third Party Management

Secure Design Management and
System & Endpoint Protection

Identity & Access Management

Threat, Vulnerability & Incident
Response & Management

Security Awareness & Training

Potential Audits

- Information Classification & Handling
- Asset Management / CMDB
- CPS 234 Third Party Management
- Secure Development Lifecycle
- System & Endpoint Protection
- Penetration Testing
- Privileged Access Management
- Incident Response & Management
- Threat & Vulnerability Management
- Standard Operating Environment Assessment
- Cybersecurity Governance
- User Access Management
- Security Configuration Management
- Data Protection
- Third Party Security Assessments
- Vendor Management

Cybersecurity Frameworks



The NIST Cybersecurity Framework

- **Identify** – understanding the business context, resources (systems, people, assets, data and capabilities) that support critical functions and related cybersecurity risks
- **Protect** – develop and implement appropriate safeguards to ensure delivery of critical services
- **Detect** – activities that support the discovery and identification of cybersecurity events
- **Respond** – actions to contain the impact of a potential cybersecurity incident
- **Recover** – plans for resilience to restore any impacted capabilities or services post a cybersecurity incident.

Cybersecurity Frameworks

Essential Eight Maturity Model

- Application control
- Patch applications
- Configure Microsoft Office macro settings
- User application hardening
- Restrict administrative privileges
- Patch operating systems
- Multi factor authentication
- Regular backups



Australian
Cyber Security
Centre

Penetration Testing



Application



Network



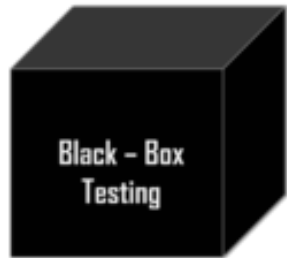
Physical



Internal



External



Zero Knowledge



Some Knowledge



Full Knowledge

Determining Audit Approach

Example 1

Co-source engagement with specialist auditors from a consultancy firm managed by Internal Audit team

Process / risk / control focused review

Example 2

Co-source engagement with specialist auditors from a cybersecurity specialist firm managed by Internal Audit team

Security configuration focused review

Supplemented by process / risk / control assessment by Internal Audit staff

Example 3

Co-source engagement with tool specific specialist auditors from a consultancy firm managed by Internal Audit team

Process / risk / control review of the CMDB

Supplemented by data analytics over CMDB data performed by Internal Audit staff

Example 4

Governance related process / risk / control review

Performed by technology audit members of the Internal Audit team

Communicating Results

Internal Audit Testing

- Highlight any observations when identified to allow for discussion and clarifications
- Work collaboratively to confirm impact based on risk and SME perspectives
- Give adequate attention to understanding and providing context

Specialist Testing

- Focus first on accuracy of technical results
- Understand any compensating controls in controls “stack”
- Rate based on external view combined with internal impact
- Assess level of detail the Audit Committee requires, but provide full detail to technical teams

Penetration Testing

- Ensure common understanding of the type of penetration testing performed and approach
- Where gaps are identified, confirm any additional or compensating controls
- Involve relevant support teams as well as the cybersecurity team
- Summarise for Audit Committee

Report Visualisation

Providing consistent messaging for management and the Audit Committee

CPS 234 Information Security Domains	
Mgmt.	Governance, Capability, Monitoring & Assurance
	Security Awareness & Training
Cyber Security	Threat, Vulnerability & Incident Response & Management
	Identity & Access Management
	Secure Design Management and System & Endpoint Protection
	Third Party Management
	Data Management & Protection
Operations	IT Operations & Asset Management
	Physical & Environmental Security
	Business & Service Continuity



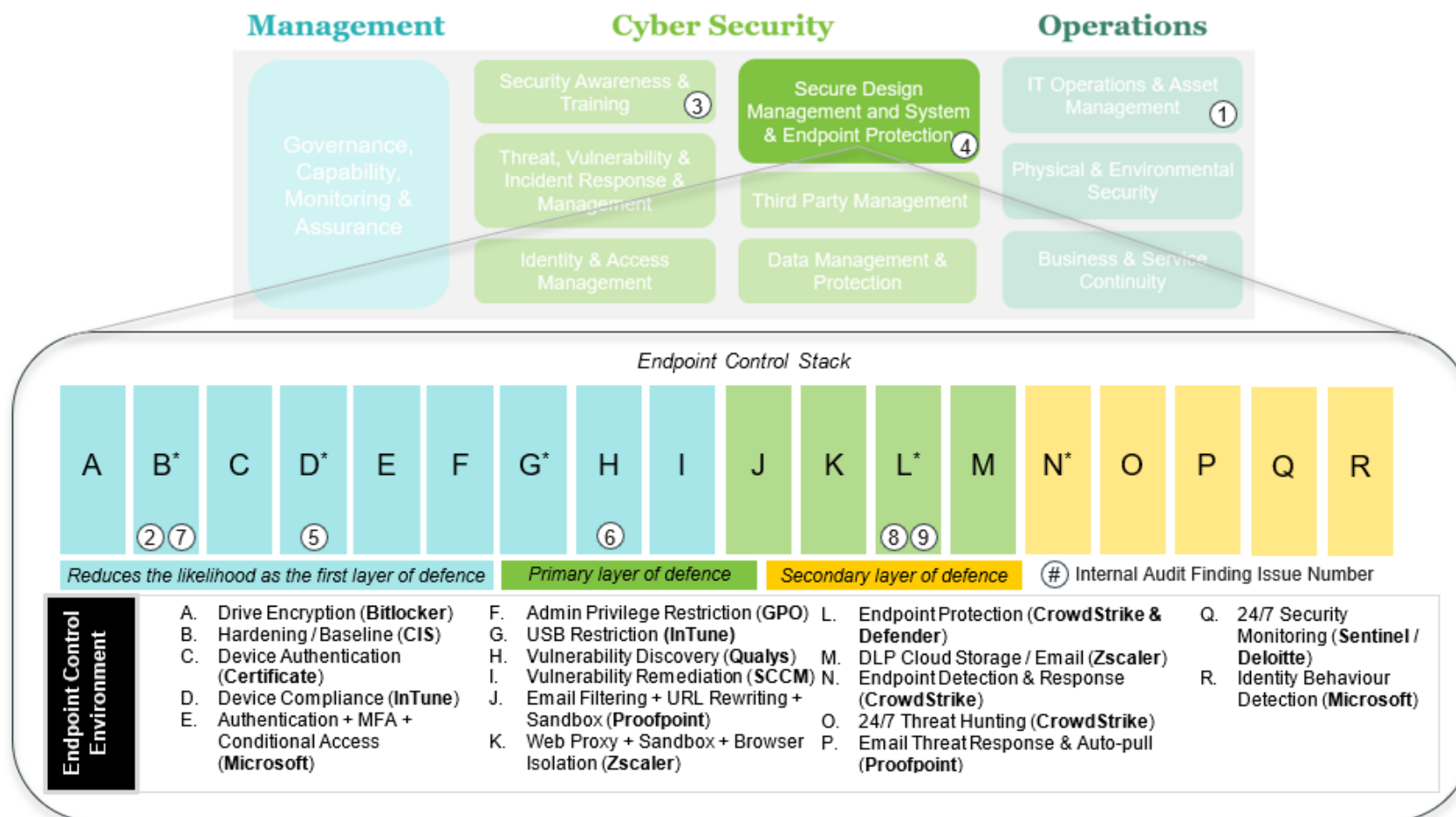
CPS234 Information Security Coverage



New Issues Identified

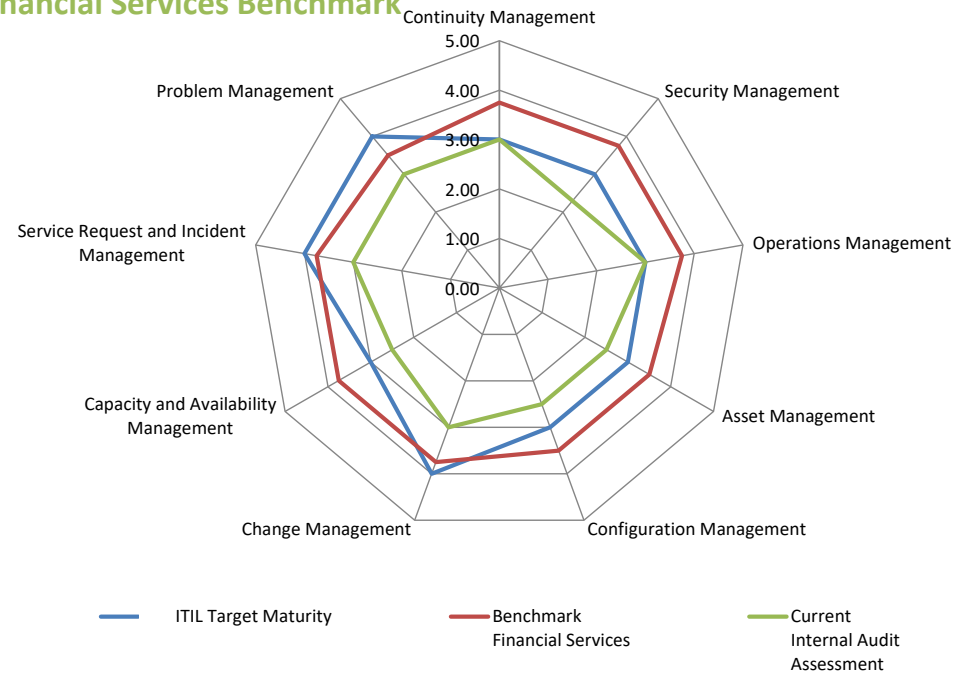
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Report Visualisations

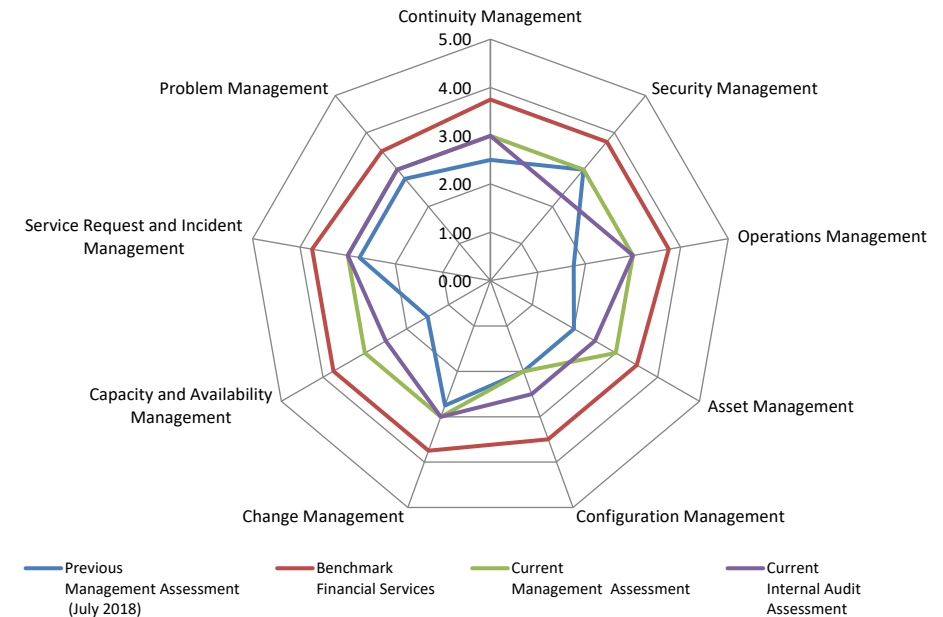


Report Visualisations

Financial Services Benchmark



Assessed Maturity





Questions?