Victorian Information Security Network (VISN) Forum

PDSP Insights

Questions and Answers – March 2021

Question	Answer
Can you refer me to where I find the entity risk references?	In the PDSP template https://ovic.vic.gov.au/resource/information-security-protective-data-security-plan-pdsp-single-organisation-form-v2-2/ you will find the entity risk reference column as the second column to fill in for each of the elements. An explanation of the column can be found on page 31 of the template. This reference is specific to your organisation and should relate to the associated risk in your risk register that the element/control is mitigating. You may choose to add multiple risk references or a single reference in this field.
Charts broken out by department - what about those agencies (like OVIC) that are budget independent being reported here?	The charts presented in the slides are represented as per portfolio, not by department. For example, OVIC would be captured under DJCS for the reporting period 2018-2020. The WoVG statistics represented in this slide deck, excludes organisations that operate outside any Department portfolio models (e.g. VAGO, Department of Parliamentary Services). These independent organisations will receive direct feedback from OVIC in the coming weeks.
Do we receive copy of presentation please?	Yes, a copy of the presentation will be made available on the website at this link: https://ovic.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/20210310-VISN-PDSP-Insights-Website-Copy-V1.0.pdf
Do you have a recommended approach to integrate the PDSP actions into the org. risk	An implementation plan (similar to the detailed PDSP

register? I want to track actions with our risk mgmt system but I'm concerned about overloading the risk register with all the PDSP actions to complete	template that OVIC published some years ago) may suit to track both the activities of the PDSP and risk register. OVIC may consider publishing such a resource again if it helps. Please let the Information Security Unit know via email (security@ovic.vic.gov.au) if you would like a copy of this resource. In addition, please always check back in with the relevant area of your organisation regarding any existing risk management processes and procedures.
Is any official reporting expected this year in August?	Yes, attestation will be required by 31 August 2021. https://ovic.vic.gov.au/data-protection/agency-reporting-obligations/
Is there any e-learning material available (eg Protective Markings)?	We are in the process of developing some training resources for protective markings as well as refreshing some videos which may assist with awareness campaigns.
Are there any plans to provide agencies with benchmarked results?	Each organisation that submitted a PDSP in the 2020 reporting period will receive a customised PDSP insights report. These reports offer insights and observations of the Information Security Unit gleaned through the quantitative and qualitative review of organisation's PDSP. These reports will be available in the coming weeks.
Is this next one an attestation at the high level without submitting an updated PDSP?	Yes, unless you have encountered significant change. In the first instance, refer to OVIC's Significant Change Info Sheet, and contact the Information Security Unit on security@ovic.vic.gov.au.
RE Std 2, doesn't the term "Security Classified" refer to the commonwealth security classifications (i.e. National Security?)	No, refer to our practitioner guides published on our website for further guidance on how to assess the security value of public sector information https://ovic.vic.gov.au/resource/practitioner-guide-assessing-the-security-value-of-information-v2-0/ as well as an explanation of protective markings used in Vic Gov https://ovic.vic.gov.au/resource/practitioner-guide-protective-markings-v2-0/
What do the graphs out of 100% represent?	Combination of partial and implemented statuses
What is the process to update the Information Lead point of contact, is email okay?	Email is ideal - security@ovic.vic.gov.au
What period does the 2020 reporting cycle cover?	2018-2020 (financial year cycle)

Why does PROTECTED automatically equal BIL3+, when sometimes it's just the environment that the document may have been created in?	A 'confidentiality' assessment of BIL3 is equal to PROTECTED. An integrity/availability assessment of BIL3 does not equal PROTECTED in terms of a protective marking, however you may look at the controls at this level to protect the information and manage the risks. For further information, refer to the Business Impact Level (BIL) table https://ovic.vic.gov.au/resource/vpdsf-bil-table-v2-1-november-2019/ and our Practitioner Guide: https://ovic.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Practitioner-Guide-Protective-Markings-V2.0.docx
Your Practitioner Guides are very useful. Are you planning to publish one for Third Party Arrangements?	Yes, we are!

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