

# IT Project Management

Topic 9

**Risk Management** 





#### COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

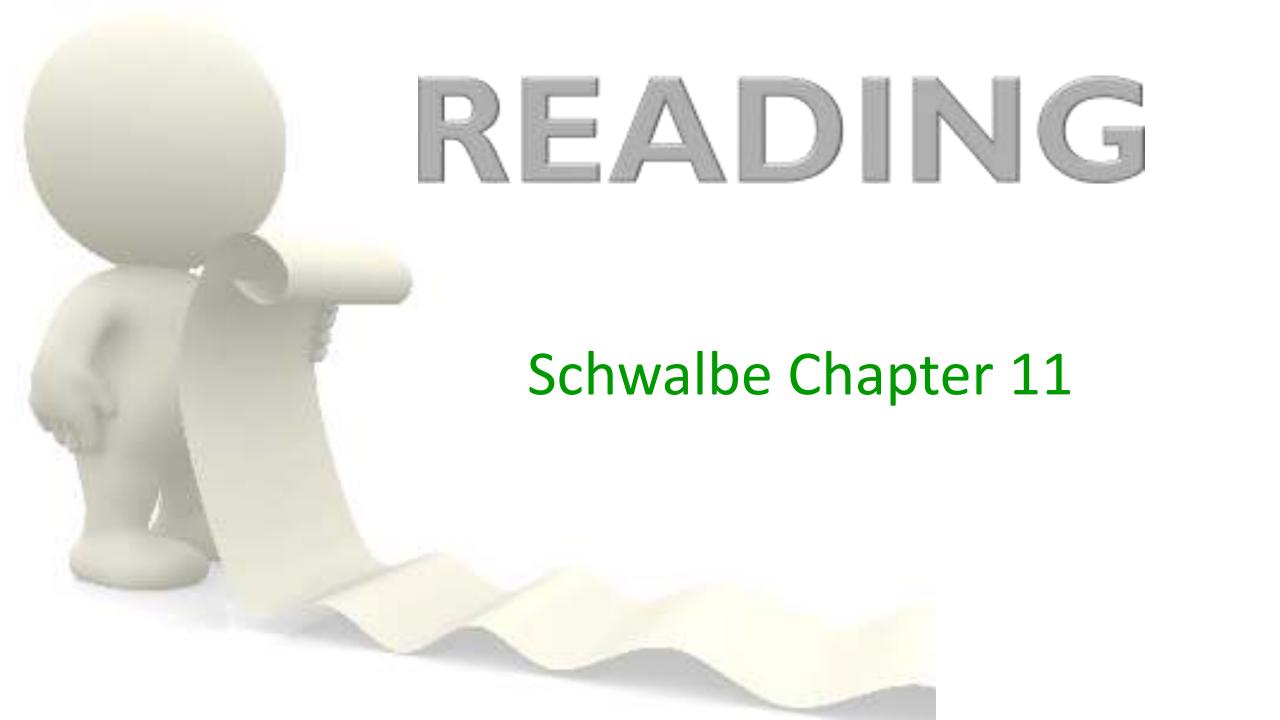
Copyright Regulations 1969 WARNING

This material has been reproduced and communicated to you by or on behalf of Murdoch University pursuant to Part VB of the Copyright Act 1968 (the Act).

The material in this communication may be subject to copyright under the Act.

Any further reproduction or communication of this material by you may be the subject of copyright protection under the Act.

Do not remove this notice.



## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### At the end of this topic you should be able to:

- ✓ Define what risk is & the importance of good project Risk Management
- ✓ List common sources of risks in ICT projects
- ✓ **Describe** the **risk identification process** & the main outputs (Risk ID/Register)
- ✓ Discuss key elements involved in risk management planning
- ✓ Discuss the qualitative and quantitative risk analysis processes
- Explain how to calculate risk factors & create probability/impact matrices
- Understand issues such as the use of decision trees, simulation, and sensitivity analysis to quantify risks
- Provide examples of different risk response planning strategies
- ✓ **Discuss** what is involved in risk monitoring and control.

# TODAY'S SESSION IS IN 3 PARTS

#### **INTRODUCTION**

(What is Risk Management & Why is it important?)

**KEY TERMS & PRINCIPLES** 

THE RISK
MANAGEMENT
PROCESS





## INTRODUCTION

### WHAT IS RISK MANAGEMENT & WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

#### **INTRODUCTION**

(What is Risk Management & Why is it important?)

KEY TERMS & PRINCIPLES

THE RISK
MANAGEMENT
PROCESS



## MAT IS A RISK?

#### Individual Risk is defined as:

'an uncertain event or condition that, if it occurs, has a positive or negative effect on one or more project objective'

### Project (Overall) Risk is defined as:

'the effect of uncertainty on the project as a whole... more than the sum of the individual risks within a project... & represents the exposure of stakeholders to the implications of variations in project outcomes'

A *Risk Event* occurs when that risk happens



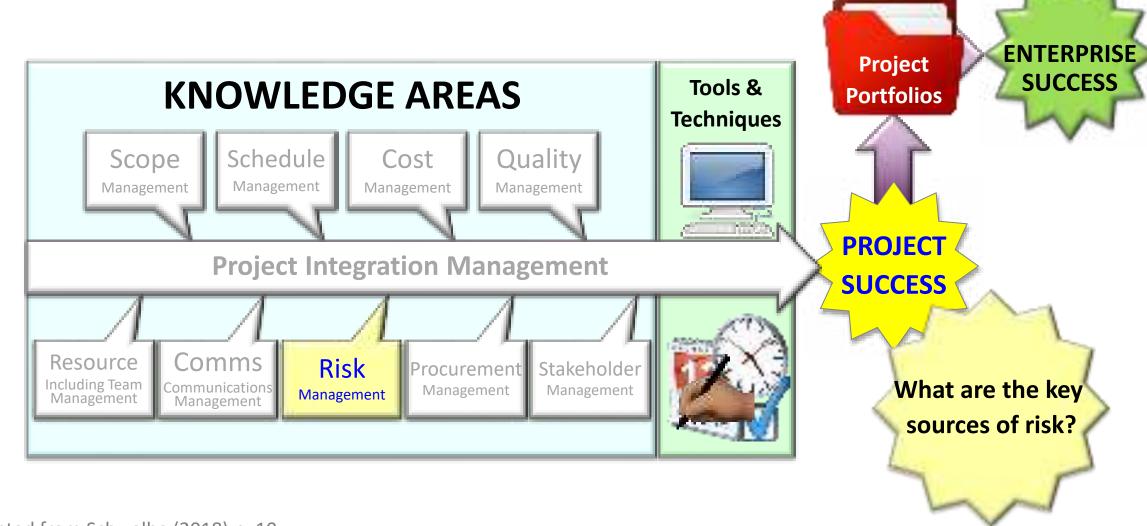
## WHAT IS RISK MANAGEMENT?



## Risk management is ...

- An iterative process for identifying, analysing, handling (responding to) and monitoring/controlling risks.
- Each facet of Risk Management must be planned and applied consistently throughout a project

## **OVERVIEW - PMBOK APPROACH**



Source: Adapted from Schwalbe (2018) p. 10

Stakeholders' needs & needs

expectations

## KEY SOURCES OF RISK

Poorly controlled changes in scope

Failing to meet schedule due to complications

Significant Cost Differences (Financial Losses)

Inability to meet requirements







**Project Integration Management** 

Resource Including Team Management Risk Management Management Management Stakeholder Management Management

Loss of key staff

Lack of reporting (Poor Decisions)

Procurement Problems

Disagreements

PROJECT SUCCESS

So every aspect is important!

## THE KNOWLEDGE AREAS

## SCOPE MANAGEMENT

What work is being done

#### SCHEDULE MANAGEMENT

When is the work being done?

#### COST MANAGEMENT

How much will the work cost?

## PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT

What needs to be bought?

#### COMMS MANAGEMENT

How are stakeholders being engaged?

#### INTEGRATION MANAGEMENT

(Addressing Big & Small Picture)

## STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT

The engagement approach

#### QUALITY MANAGEMENT

What quality is being delivered?

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Who & What is involved?

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

What risks need to be controlled?

What are the keys to do this?



#### **INTRODUCTION**

(What is Risk Management & Why is it important?)

**KEY TERMS & PRINCIPLES** 

THE RISK
MANAGEMENT
PROCESS



✓ There are different categories/dimensions of risk (these affect the Knowledge Areas)

### Internal/Direct

- Structure/Process/Method
- Technical/System
- Stakeholder & Comms
- Financial/Costs

#### **APPLY DIRECT CONTROLS**

## External/Environmental

- PEST (Political, Economic, Social, Technology)
- Market Forces/Competitors
- Clients (Demands/Usage/etc.)

#### OFTEN LITTLE CONTROL

✓ Risks can be positive or negative



Positive risks open up opportunities

They are handled by:

- ✓ Accepting the risk & helping to make it happen
- Exploiting the opportunity
- ✓ Sharing the risk so the impact is increased
- ✓ Enhancing the risk to increase its positive impact

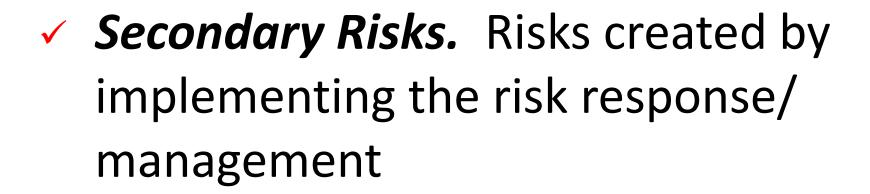
✓ Risks can be positive or negative



## Negative risks are problems/threats They are managed with these strategies:

- Avoid Eliminate the threat to protect the project
- ✓ Transfer Shift the risk to another party
- ✓ Control Manage variables that lead to the risk
- ✓ Mitigate take steps to reduce the impact
- Accept Understand the risk & only take action if it happens

✓ Residual Risks. Risks that remain after all of the management strategies have been implemented







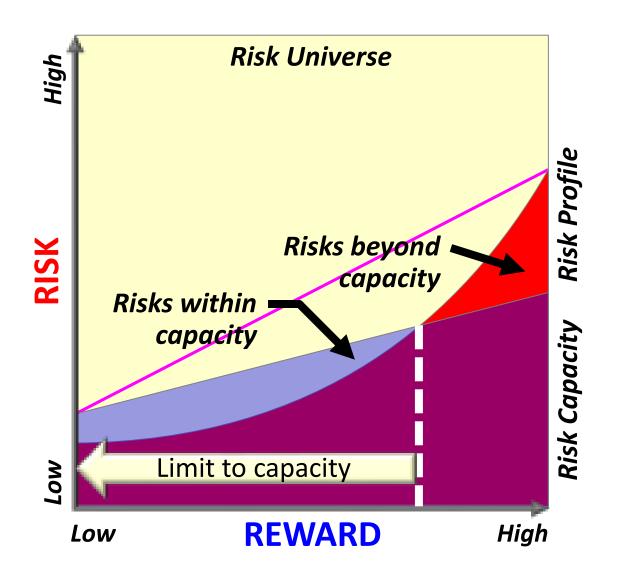
Risks are managed in the following framework



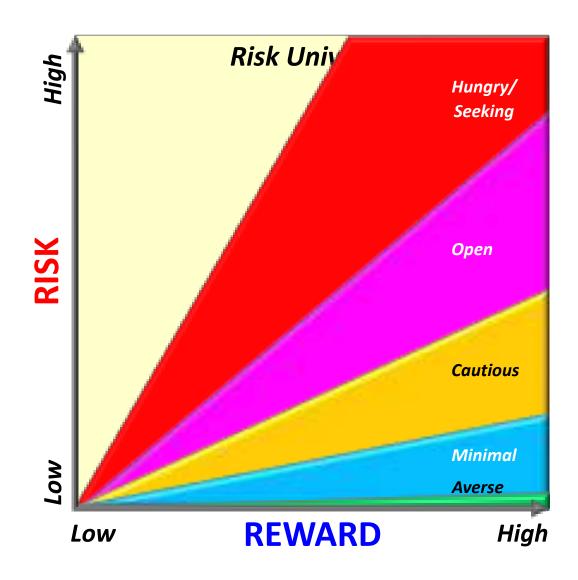
Sources: ISO 31000: 2018; ISO 73:2009; IEC 31010:2019; Scherling (2016); Fraser, Fraser & Simkins (2010); Oliveira, et al. (2018)

- ✓ Risk Universe. All of the possible risks that could affect a project or entity
- ✓ Risk Profile. An analysed indicator of the level of risk for a project/task
- ✓ Risk Capacity. The expected ability of the organisation (team) to manage the associated risks

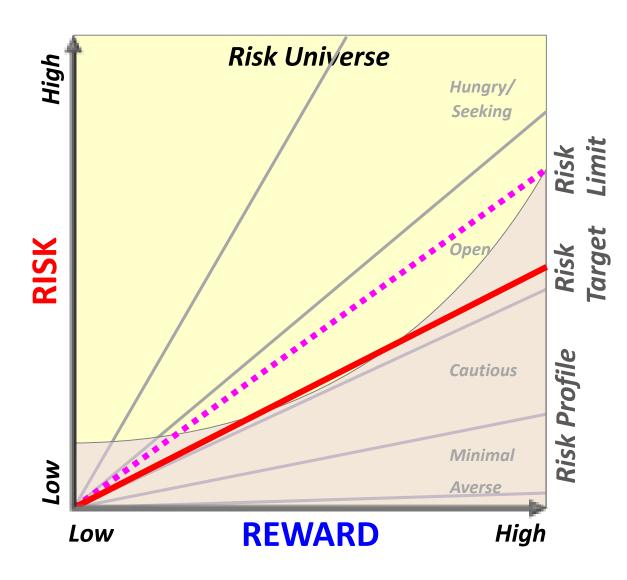
The capacity is influenced by the organisation's (team's) **Appetite** and **Tolerance** for risk



- Risk Appetite. The amount and types of risks that an organisation is willing to take to meet strategic objectives – Can be classified as...
  - Averse. Avoids risk & uncertainty
  - Minimal. Will take some minimal risks if the reward is very high
  - Cautious. Will take some risks if there are clear rewards & controls
  - Open. Willing to take risks if there is a chance of strong reward
  - Hungry/Seeking. Actively chasing risk for high reward



- Risk Tolerance. The specific maximum risk that an organisation is willing to take regarding each relevant risk
- This is defined by:
  - Risk Profile (risk level, knownunknowns & unknown unknowns)
  - Risk Appetite (how far are they willing to go to achieve the objective)
  - Risk Target (the optimal level of risk that organisation wants to take)
  - Risk Limit (identified thresholds beyond which risks should not deviate)



✓ Defining Risk Limits. These can be numeric or ordinal

VUMERIC

**JRDINAL** 

Some examples

	Element	Very Low Limit	Low Limit	<b>Moderate Limit</b>	High Limit	Very High Limit
	% Difference in Outcome	<= %2.5	2.5% - 5%	5% - 7.5%	7.5% - 10%	> 10%
$\left\{ \right.$	Cost (what is acceptable)	Very small increase (<5% of profit)	Small increase (< 10% of profit)	Significant increase (< 20% of profit)	Significant increase (< 40% of profit)	Large increase (< 60% of profit)
	Scope (what is acceptable)	Barely noticeable changes	Minor noticeable changes	Some significant scope changes	Numerous significant scope changes	Very significant changes in scope required
	<b>Time</b> (Schedule) (what is acceptable)	No change to key milestones	Minor changes but not for end date	Minor change to end date	Significant change to end date	Very significant change to end date
	Quality (what is acceptable)	Quality variance barely noticeable	Only affects very intensive use	Differences would be noticeable	Differences would be very noticeable	Does not meet key requirements

These have to be agreed by the key stakeholders (formally)

Sources: *ISO 31000: 2018*; ISO 73:2009; IEC 31010:2019; Scherling (2016); Fraser, Fraser & Simkins (2010); Oliveira, et al. (2018) & http://www.slideshare.net/bfriday/workshop-project-risk-management-29-june-2012

✓ Workaround. Unplanned responses to unforeseen risk events that must be done without pre-planning (contingency/fallback)



Now that we've covered the key terms and principles – Let's look at the Risk Management Process

Sources: *ISO 31000: 2018*; ISO 73:2009; IEC 31010:2019; Scherling (2016); Fraser, Fraser & Simkins (2010); Oliveira, et al. (2018) & http://www.slideshare.net/bfriday/workshop-project-risk-management-29-june-2012



# THE RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

#### **INTRODUCTION**

(What is Risk Management & Why is it important?)

KEY TERMS & PRINCIPLES

THE RISK
MANAGEMENT
PROCESS



## RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- 1. Plan Risk Management. Defining and documenting how risk management activities will be managed in the project
- 2. Identify Risks. Detecting possible risks and documenting them as appropriate, so they can be investigated as necessary
- 3. Analyse Risks. Determining the likelihood and effect of risks through Qualitative and Quantitative methods





## RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

- 4. Plan Risk Response. Developing options & actions to reduce/manage the risks appropriately
- 5. Implement Risk Responses. Take appropriate steps to manage risks
- 6. Monitor Risks. Implement monitoring and control activities required to manage the risks

To maximise positives and minimise negatives throughout the project



## HOW DOTHEY INTERACT?

Plan Risk Management

#### Input

- PMP & Project Charter
- Stakeholder Reg
- EEF & OPA

#### **Tools & Techniques**

- Analytical techniques
- Expert Judgement
- Meetings

#### **Outputs**

Risk Management Plan (RMP) Identify Risks

#### Input

PMP, RMP & Project docs EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Doc Reviews
- Info gathering
- Checklist & Assumption analysis
- Diagramming
- SWOT
- Expert Judgement

#### **Outputs**

Risk Register

#### **ANALYSE RISKS**

Qualitative Analysis

Quantitative Analysis

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Risk probability
   & impact matrix
- Risk data assessment
- Risk categorisation
- Urgency assessment
- Expert Judgement

#### **Outputs**

 Document updates

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Data gathering &
- representation •
  Risk analysis &
  - modelling
- Expert judgement

#### **Outputs**

Document updates

#### Plan Risk Responses

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Strategies for +/- risks
- Contingent responses
- Expert judgement

#### **Outputs**

PMP & other Document updates

#### Implement Risk Responses

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Lessons learnt, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Expert judgement
- Team management
- Info systems

#### **Outputs**

- Change requests
- PMP & other Document updates

#### Monitor Risks (Control A/R)

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Lessons learnt, Issues Log, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- Work perf info

#### T&T

- Data Analysis
- Audits
- Meetings

#### Outputs

- Perf Man
- Change Reqs
- PMP & other Document updates

**START** 

INITIATION
(& PRE-INITIATION)

**PLANNING** 

**EXECUTION** 

**CLOSING** 

END Solo Solo

**MONITORING & CONTROL** 

**Plan Risk Management** 

**Identify Risks** 

**Analyse Risks (Qualitative/Quantitative)** 

**Plan Risk Responses** 

Implement Risk Responses

**Monitor (and Control) Risks** 

Let's look at the steps in more detail



## PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT

**ANALYSE RISKS** 

Plan Risk Management

**Identify Risks** 

Qualitative Analysis

Quantitative Analysis

Plan Risk Responses Implement Risk Responses

Monitor Risks
(Control A/R)

#### Input

- PMP & Project Charter
- Stakeholder Reg
- EEF & OPA

#### **Tools & Techniques**

- Analytical techniques
- Expert Judgement
- Meetings

#### **Outputs**

Risk Management Plan (RMP)

## PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT

- ✓ The key deliverable is the Risk Management Plan (RMP)
- Sections in the RMP are dependent on:
  - The organisation
  - Type of project
  - Stakeholder requirements

- This Advancement Office (TIATE)

7.3×36\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Parameters the Portrait 6 Mc National Plans

Also, Mana, month (AM) defines the pressure expand the absolute and pressure, explication, modeling country and surregulation of a project british. MA details from Architectural Miles British Representation between expansion and the assessment of the british because a specially and the assessment at the project.

The size likes prove that \$4.00° care to gree the bioDirect property consisted welled. For excepting this to belone to the constant

#### Objectives of this RMP Bosument

- Condition Hearth and this RAIII bediete

- Impige to control actions also the non-mires of program on suspen acceptable, besigns
  besides or resolvenance, which of larger following-mens the speak words. Herefolding
  community, and prings one marketing such source are being acceptable.
- Smithting the bounding of allegation to Eq. sales than a rickety to release dy suspent on the project and against
- entropy that appropriate of the content of sealers appropriate to an incomplete and
- containing an extend had of the consense and and gather present at peoples rathed to extrage analysis of the

#### 1.3 Guid ing Phinolphia

The first burning publing principles that he explication obtained, togetonic of this blance process.

- In its problemage, as expossible to making any small subsequentials, a revenue many distribution and making blance.
- Obsergh shall Changement in the change representation of the Proper Manager, the changes has not control will be represent to the Proper China (Physical Configuration 1996).
- Altered constitution of the state will be obtained to the order of the research country.
- Apic capital, executing colle, will be energied and a regal decrease in the contr.
- militaris in a deservati for we include who a investigation in the same three one and desire deserva-
- A min' of white will be in energy and environment of the appropriate level A consideration to the process and refer to the control of the contr
- distributions will be logic constraints inflormed that with consent substantian and
- planned Cod Absorption and the enlagrant history will be recovered by our Liberty, which will be recovered as a life deals and a recommendately be translated as the control of the control

## PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT

- Standard sections in an RMP include:
  - Objectives & Principles
  - Project Scope
  - Risk Management Organisation (Roles & Responsibilities)
  - Risk Categories/Types (Broad framework)
  - Risk Management Process (Methodology)
  - Tolerances and Limits (General Principles)

These are determined by the following & define frameworks used in the Risk Register

This Schropenson Time (TA/T)

2.5×26\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Per present au l'inclés questité les Managnes seul Plans

Also, Management (2015) defines the pressure required for alternatives, constraints, configurate, modeling country and acceptances of a project further. Modelines is defined and the formation of the project for the acceptance of the project formation acceptance of the project formation of the pr

Part stant Shangement Plan 19410's stant to great the totally samproper to stand but involved to sampling state, as lock, recommended.

#### 1.3 Objectives of this RMP Bosument.

Condition before an of the RAE factors

- Indiging to come a material state the material of program of an energy manifold, budget, business resolvenesses, excites often up to being recent the spear whole this orbiding, communicating, and principles, our materials up each materials as a formy transmis.
- and sing the boundary of alternative by a site. But the state, the released, impactive the product and secure.
- making that appropriate determines are solutions such at appropriate and the extensions and
- convergence in the local parameters and analysis or presence at emphasizable in energy resolvers the

#### 1.3 Guiding Principles

lika dia, kaomini probabban polondigia a disali kayimminini na 💎 💛 kayikana ini likata kilana penaman

- La la graf blange, a supposable

  control de seus and antique des
- O'longh sizh Manyane shakeine den mi sant
- Advances sensely in the stall
- niph supran, mirroria
- Action (a) Control (a) Control (a)
- A COMPANY OF STREET AND AND
- " Produced by American State (18)
- James Cod Alexagona control and discovering process factors and a

The following are underlying

deliverables

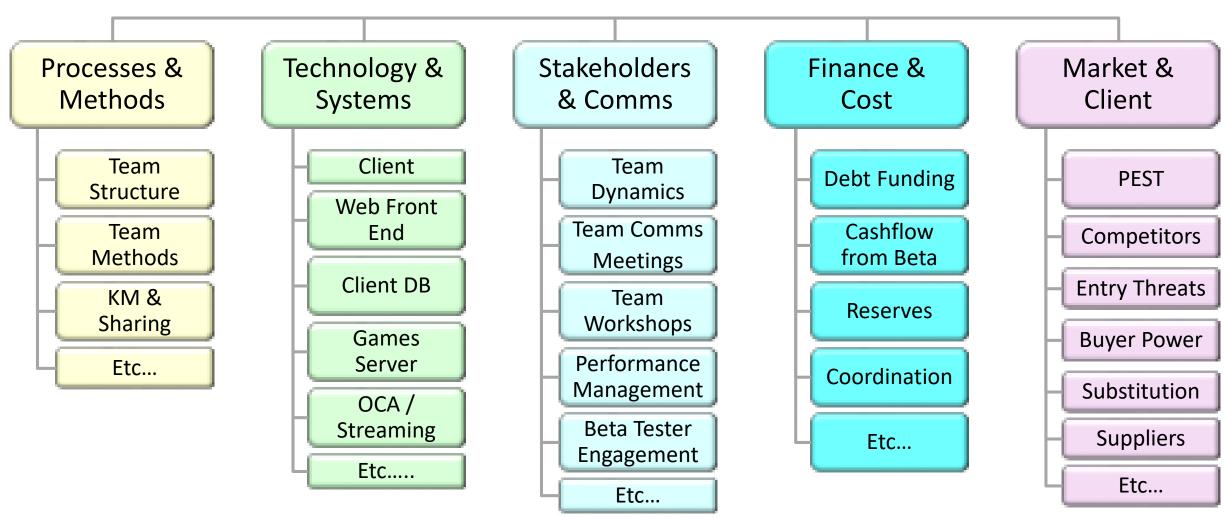
America Security

## RISK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

- ✓ This is a fundamental approach for identifying risks
- ✓ It should happen very early in the Initiation & then get updated at key points during the project
- Develop your RBS in a stakeholder workshop use these steps:
  - Identify the categories & dimensions of risk associated with this project (makes it easier to identify risks)
  - For each category/dimension of risk
    - Identify what has gone wrong in the past
    - Identify what could go wrong in the future for this project

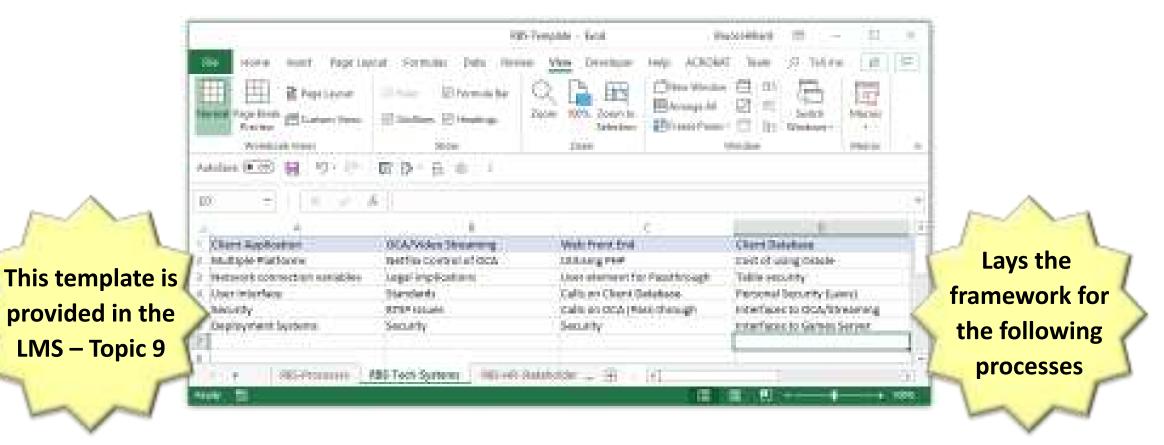
## RISK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

✓ They are often depicted graphically like this...



## RISK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

 But they are typically developed as Word or Excel Templates – Like this...



## CONTINGENCY PLANS

✓ Plans for predefined actions if an identified risk event OCCUTS (often a spreadsheet or database)

	CONTINGENCY PLAN (PLAN A)				
Contingency Identification Number	1001				
Description of Potential Problem	Netflix not providing rights to utilise OCA equipment				
Probability and impact	Currently low (but negotiations are ongoing) & negative impact could be high				
Main impact of potential problem	Require a replacement video streaming solution (core technology)				
Solution for the problem	Deploy through Netflix (become a content provider or source specialist)				
Consequences of implementing this contingency	<ul><li>(1) Limitation on growth and risk of being replaced</li><li>(2) Lower risk deployment &amp; possible larger market penetration</li></ul>				
Preparation	Have negotiation options available & investigate the Fallback option (2001)				
Activation	Implement preparations now – Activate if negotiations with Netflix fail				

## FALLBACK PLANS

✓ These are action plans if the Contingency Plan fails/or cannot be achieved (Normally linked to Contingency Plan)

FALLBACK PLAN (PLAN B)				
Contingency Identification Number	2001			
Description of Potential Problem	Removal of rights to utilise OCA equipment			
Probability and impact	Currently low (but negotiations are ongoing)			
Main impact of potential problem	Require a replacement video streaming solution (core technology)			
Solution for the problem	Utilise another video streaming solution			
Consequences of this approach	Scope and schedule impacts / Cost impacts / Contract impacts			
Preparation	<ul><li>(1) Identify costed options for other systems</li><li>(2) Request options for non-OCA solution in RFT</li></ul>			
Activation	Activate if negotiations with Netflix fail (do preparations early)			

## RESERVES / ALLOWANCES

- Money set aside to manage/cover risks/changes
- Two categories are typical:
  - Contingency (normally included in the Baseline) – Known Unknowns
  - Management (normally not included in the Baseline) Unknown Unknowns

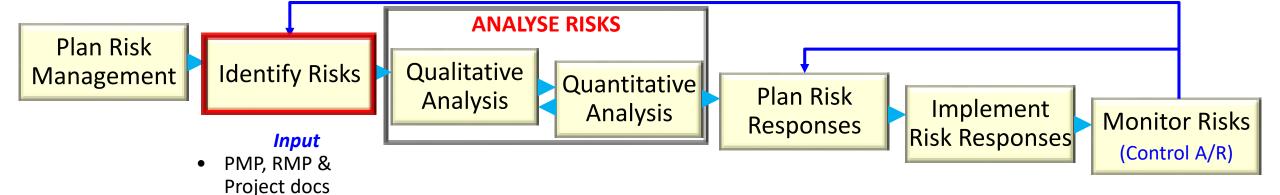
Typically set as a percentage value in the initial cost modelling – It influences profit





A STREAMERE WELLONE

## **IDENTIFY RISKS**



- T&T
- Document reviews
- Information gathering

EEF & OPA

- Checklists & Assumption analysis
- Diagramming
- SWOT
- Expert Judgement

#### **Outputs**

Risk Register

## **IDENTIFY RISKS**

- This is an ongoing process Risk identification tools and techniques include:
  - Stakeholder feedback & ideas (create a culture of proactive reporting)
  - Talking to stakeholders (interviews, discussions & Management by Walking Around (MBWA))
  - Expert judgement (Brainstorming/Workshopping)
  - SWOT analysis (generally best done as a workshop)
  - Delphi Technique (uses experts who provide anonymous inputs to help avoid Groupthink)



## THE DELPHI APPROACH

- 1. Choose a facilitator (must have an open mind)
- 2. Identify & engage the experts who will be used (they must understand the issues from different perspectives)
- 3. Define the problem and develop questions
- 4. Send Questions (send questions & get responses)
- 5. Analyse Responses (develop more focussed questions as needed and do Step 4 again as appropriate (typical 2 or 3 times))
- 6. Once the issues are clarified identify actions

Choose a Facilitator Identify & Engage the Experts Define the Problem (and develop Questions) **Send Questions** (Analyse and develop clarifiers) **Analyse Responses** (Develop more focussed attention) **Identify Contingencies** & Fallbacks

## **IDENTIFY RISKS**

- Once risks are identified using these types of approach:
  - Enter the content in the Risk Register
  - Analyse the Risks (discussed soon)
  - Take steps to manage the risks as necessary (Plan Risk Responses, Implement Risk Responses & Monitor Risks)



Let's begin by looking at the Risk Register

## RISK REGISTER

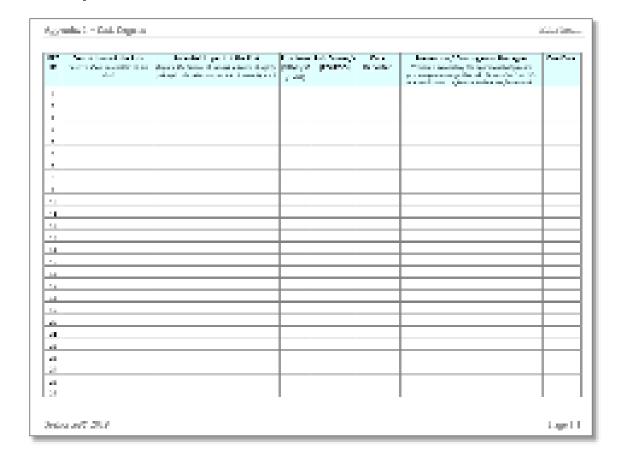
- Records all identified risks related to a project
  - Providing details of the risk (as identified through the various processes)
  - Providing ownership information
  - Identifying steps taken to manage the risk
  - Identifying whether the risk has been managed (avoided, transferred, controlled, mitigated, or accepted)



## RISK REGISTER

- Different organisations use different formats (typically managed electronically nowadays Word, Excel, MS Project Add-ins/Online)
- Here is one example...

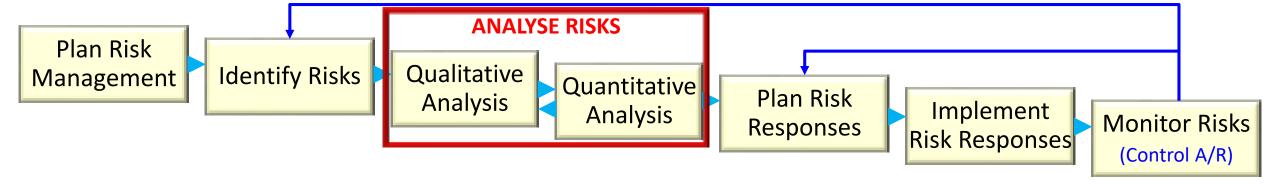
This provides a reasonable template for content







## **ANALYSE RISKS**





## **QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS**

Plan Risk Management

Identify Risks

ANALYSE RISKS

Qualitative
Analysis

Quantitative
Analysis

Plan Risk
Responses
Implement
Risk Responses
(Control A/R)

AND THE OVEREING WELLOWE

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project documents
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Risk probability & impact matrix
- Risk data assessment
- Risk categorisation
- Urgency assessment
- Expert Judgement

#### **Outputs**

Document updates

## **QUALITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS**

- ✓ Assess the *likelihood* and *impact* of identified risks (determine their magnitude and priority for control)
- Common techniques include:
  - Probability/Impact matrices
  - Top Ten Risk Item Tracking
  - Expert judgement

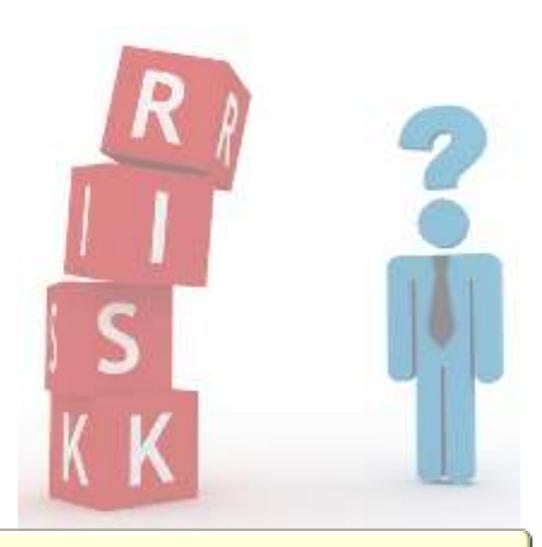
Can be used jointly



Let's look at each of these techniques in turn

## PROBABILITY/IMPACT MATRIX

- Used to assess the probability and impact of various risks
- ✓ Often used to identify risk factors (a numeric Severity Weighting)
- ✓ Numerous different frameworks and systems are used (you will need to use the one supported by your organisation)



Let's look at one example (the one used in Assignment 2)

## PROBABILITY/IMPACT MATRIX

## IMPACT OF OCCURRENCE

Low (1) Medium (3) High (5)

High (5)	Moderate Risk (5x1=5)	High Risk (5x3=15)	Very High Risk (5x5=25)
Medium (3)	Low Risk (3x1=3)	Moderate Risk (3x3=9)	High Risk (3x5=15)
Low (1)	Very Low Risk (1x1=1)	Low Risk (1x3=3)	Moderate Risk (1x5=5)

00

WHAT TO

Very High – Escalate & resolve quickly High - Proactive steps ASAP Moderate – Manage with caution Low – Proceed but monitor Very Low – Monitor but little risk

## PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE

- Major uncertainty remains
  - No or little prior experience or data/information
    - Significant infrastructure, systems & resources not in place
- Some uncertainties remain Medium •
  - Some experience and data/information exists
    - Infrastructure, systems, resources in place but not complete
  - Few uncertainties remain
  - Significant experience and data/information exist
    - Infrastructure, systems & resources in place

## IMPACT OF OCCURRENCE

- High Performance, technical, quality, costs or safety impacts can result in **major** injury, redesign/program delay (5)
- Medium Performance, technical, quality, costs or safety impacts can result in injury, or **significant** redesign/program delay (3)
  - Performance, technical, quality, costs and safety impacts Low • are likely to be **minimal** & requirements should still be met (1)

## PROBABILITY/IMPACT MATRIX

Typically more detailed guidance is provided (such as the table in the RMP)

Score	Definition/Actions to be taken		
Very High	Anything classified as Very High indicates that this risk is extremely or very likely to occur. Additionally, the occurrence could have a		
(25)	profound impact on the project's safety, technical, cost, and/or schedule, which may cause the project to be terminated or can cause		
<b>(</b> - <b>,</b>	significant cost/schedule changes (e.g. increases of more than 5 percent) for the project. The management of this level of risk should be		
	escalated, and that aspect of the project must be implemented with extreme care until the risks can be mitigated/controlled effectively.		
High Risk	High Risks may cause significant safety, technical, cost, and/or schedule increases (e.g. increases of 2 to 5 percent) for the project. These		
(15)	risks are to be managed proactively, and a priority must be applied to mitigate/control the risks as soon as practicable. In the meantime,		
(==)	the elements of the project associated with this risk must be managed with due care.		
Moderate	This refers to risks that are Moderate, because they may have a relatively small but significant impact on the project's safety, technical,		
Risk	cost, and/or schedule (e.g. less than 2 percent). Appropriate mitigation/control strategies should be implemented when practicable.		
(5 or 9)	Obviously, risks with a score of nine (9), should be addressed with higher priority than those with a score of (5). While awaiting		
(5.51.5)	mitigation/controls to be implemented, the team should still manage this aspect of the project with care.		
Low Risk	A Low Risk refers to an event that is relatively unlikely to occur, or the impact would be low if it did occur. In other words, this refers to		
(3)	situations in which the combination of likelihood and impact means that this risk would not be expected to have a significant impact on		
(0)	the project's safety, technical, cost and/or schedule. Typically, consolidated risk management is not applied to these types of risks.		
	However, the team associated with this aspect should keep it in mind while implementing the project and monitor the issue with an		
	appropriately level of caution.		
Very Low Risk	A Very Low Risk refers to matters where it would be unlikely for the risk to occur and even if it did, the impact is expected to be minimal.		
(1)	In these circumstances, consolidated risk management would not be applied. However, as with all aspects of Risk Management, those		
(+)	involved with the project should continue to monitor evolving levels of risk and take proactive action when considered appropriate.		

## TOP TEN RISK ITEM TRACKING

- ✓ Uses Severity Scores to identify the Top 10 (or sometimes more) risks
- ✓ List these in order of priority
- ✓ Implement periodic reviews for these high probability/impact risks (as appropriate to the circumstances)
- Monitor and update the listing as appropriate (e.g. monthly, or when new risks are identified)



This does not mean that you only focus on these – you need to assess/monitor/control all identifiable risks

## EXPERTJUDGEMENT

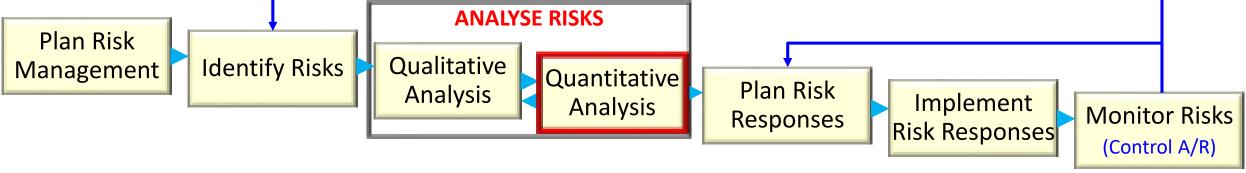
- This approach is used by many organisations
- This typically involves a workshop or meeting during which experts:
  - > analyse and prioritise risks (based on their experience)
  - create watch lists of risks (so they can be monitored)

In addition to these qualitative approaches – Quantitative Analysis is also often implemented



THE OVERTIES WELLOHE

## **QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS**



#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

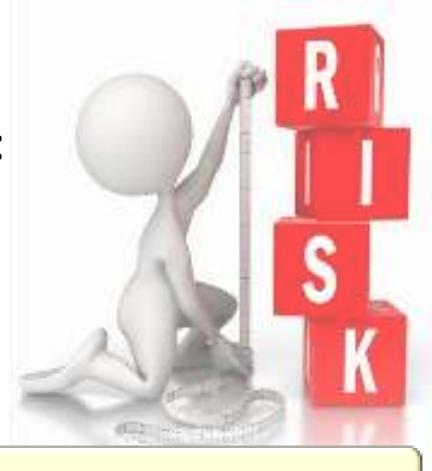
- Data gathering and representation
- Risk analysis & modelling
- Expert judgement

#### **Outputs**

Document updates

## QUANTITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS

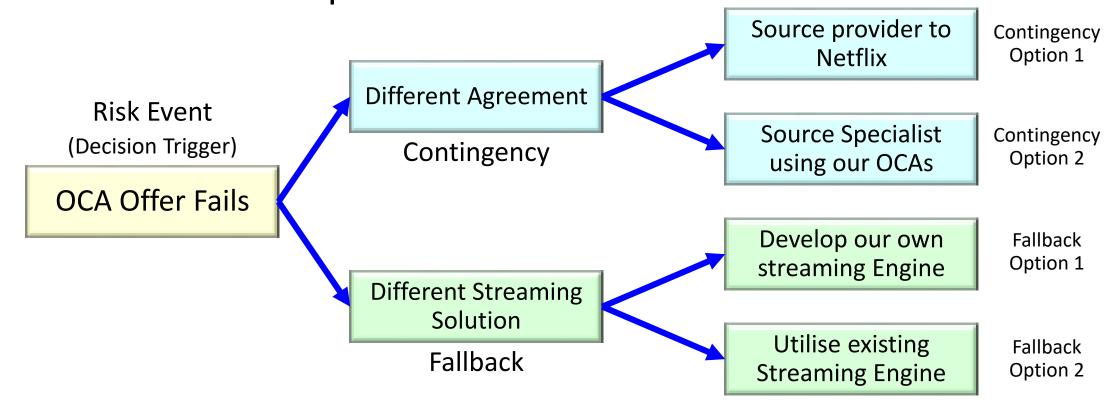
- ✓ This entails using different techniques to help quantify risks
- ✓ Some of these techniques include:
  - Decision tree analysis & Expected Monetary Value (EMV)
  - Simulation (e.g. Monte-Carlo)
  - Sensitivity Analysis



Let's look at these

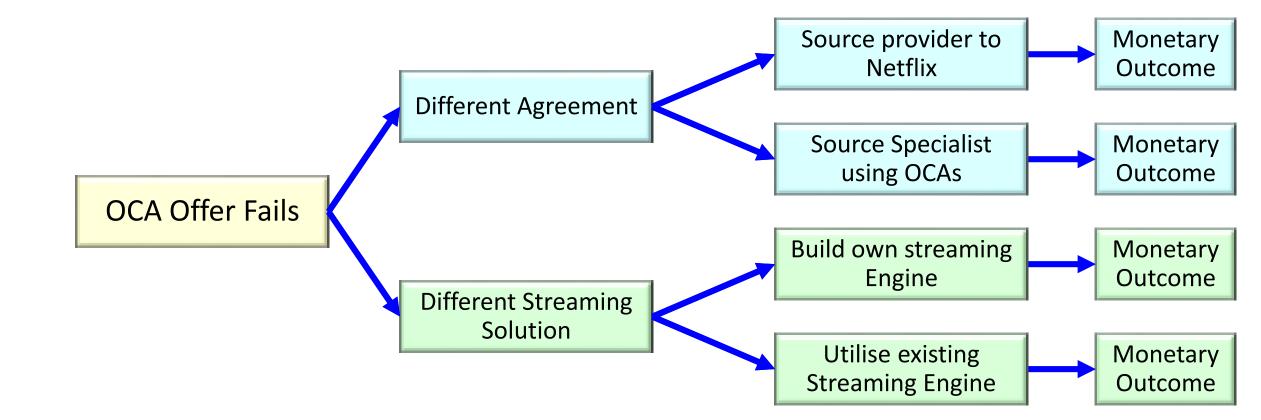
## **DECISION TREE**

- ✓ This is an approach used to determine the most appropriate course of action (e.g. for risk/reward analysis)
- ✓ Here is an example of a Decision Tree



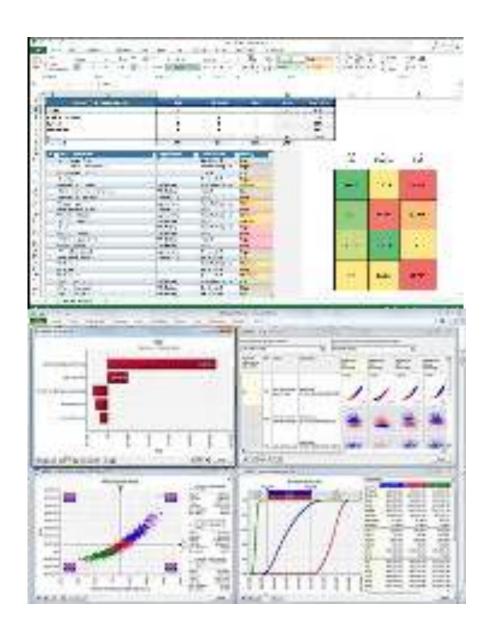
## **EXPECTED MONETARY VALUE**

- This is a variation that allows costed options to be assessed
- ✓ This will be explained during the Topic 9 Workshop



## RISK SIMULATION

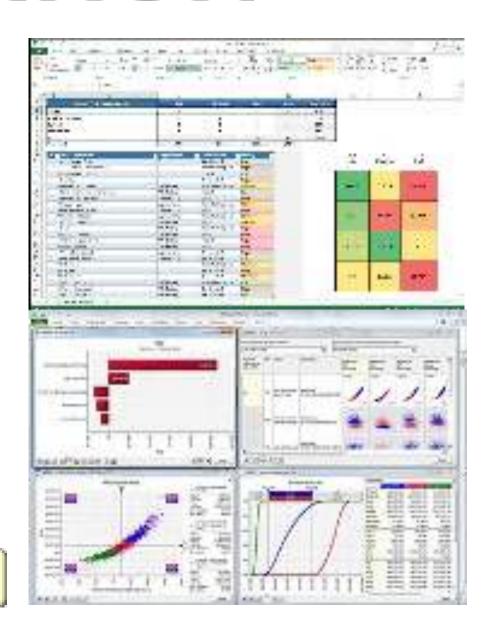
- Uses mathematical modelling of risk parameters and variables to determine things like:
  - The scope of the risk
  - Risk probability (likelihood)
  - Risk impacts (cost, time, etc.)
  - Which variables are likely to be most important (what do we need to watch?)
  - > The risk limits that should be set
  - Contingency (known unknowns)



## RISK SIMULATION

- A common approach applies Monte Carlo Analysis, which uses a range of variables to:
  - Determine the most likely effect of variable changes across a range of circumstances (multiple run analysis)
  - Define/apply three outcome estimates (most pessimistic, most likely, most optimistic)
  - Apply the probability of the most likely being between in the optimistic/pessimistic range (to create a numeric weighting model)
  - Develop Quantitative risk parameters (Probability, Impact, Risk level, etc.)

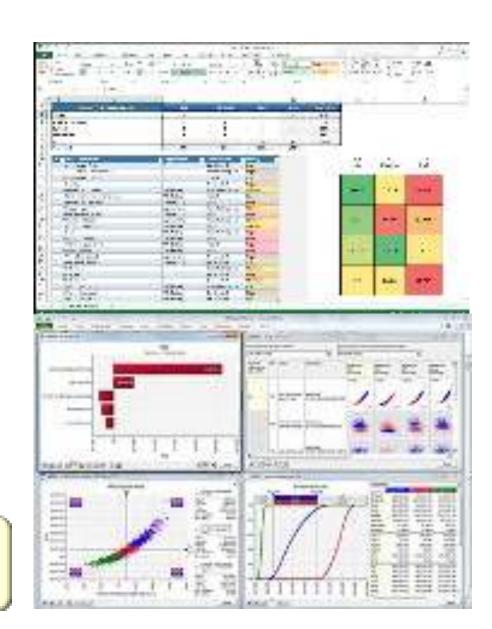
Often this is linked to Sensitivity Analysis



## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

- ✓ This is a form of simulation which allows specific variables to be manipulated directly to determine what the likely outcomes would be
- ✓ It is particularly useful for 'what if' analysis
- ✓ Such models are specifically built for likely high impact risks (both + & -)

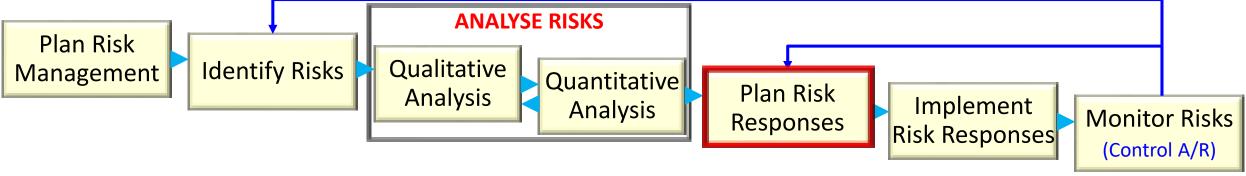
Provide key insights for response planning





AND THE OVERERS WELLONE

## PLAN RISK RESPONSES



#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Strategies for +/- risks
- Contingent responses
- Expert judgement

#### **Outputs**

• PMP & other Document updates

## PLAN RISK RESPONSES

## Identified risks that have been analysed as being of import are delegated to:

- ✓ A Risk Owner (RO) (who is responsible for taking appropriate actions)
- An appropriate number of Risk Co-Owners (RCO) (who assist the RO)



## They are responsible for:

- ✓ Identifying options for managing the risk
- Presenting the options to the PM (or their delegate) for approval
- ✓ Preparing contingency/fallback plans for appropriate options
- ✓ Implementing any activities that are required

## PLAN RISK RESPONSES

## The options may include the following strategies (for negative risks):

- ✓ Avoid Eliminate threats to protect the project
- ✓ Transfer Shift the risk to another party
- ✓ Control Manage variables that lead to the risk
- ✓ Mitigate take steps to reduce the impact
- Accept Understand the risk & only take action if it happens

## Or for positive risks:

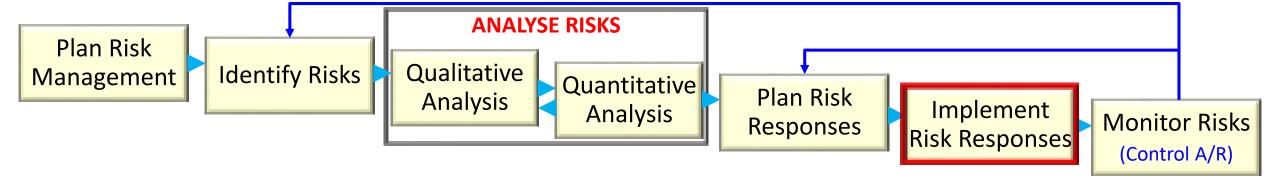
- ✓ Accepting the risk & helping to make it happen
- Exploiting the opportunity
- ✓ Sharing the risk so the impact is increased
- ✓ Enhancing the risk to increase its positive impact







## IMPLEMENT RISK RESPONSES



#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Lessons learnt, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Expert judgement
- Team management
- Information systems

#### **Outputs**

- Change requests
- PMP & other Document updates

A STREAMENTS WELLONE

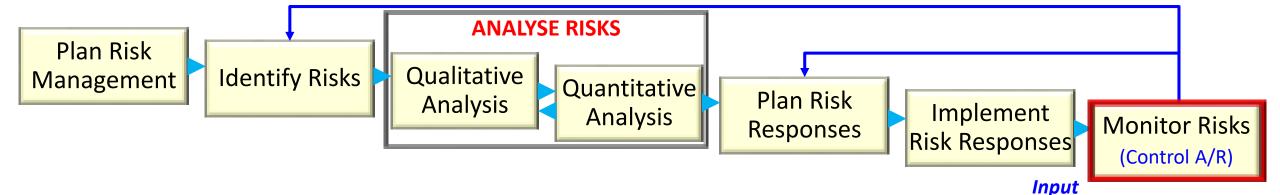
## IMPLEMENT RISK RESPONSES

- Implement appropriate strategies
  - Negative: Avoid, Transfer, Control, Mitigate, Accept
  - Positive: Accept, Exploit, Share, Enhance
- Build the implementation around:
  - The schedule When do controls need to be in place
  - The level of risk and impact More severe risks/ impacts should be addressed sooner
  - The ability and willingness of your organisation to manage the risks (being proactive)
  - Factoring in Contingency (Plan A) and Fallback (Plan B) from the outset





## **MONITOR RISKS**



- PMP, RMP & Project documents
- Lessons learnt, Issues Log, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- Work performance information

T&T

- Data Analysis
- Audits
- Meetings

#### **Outputs**

A STREAMERS WELLONE

- Performance Management
- Change Requests
- PMP & other Document updates

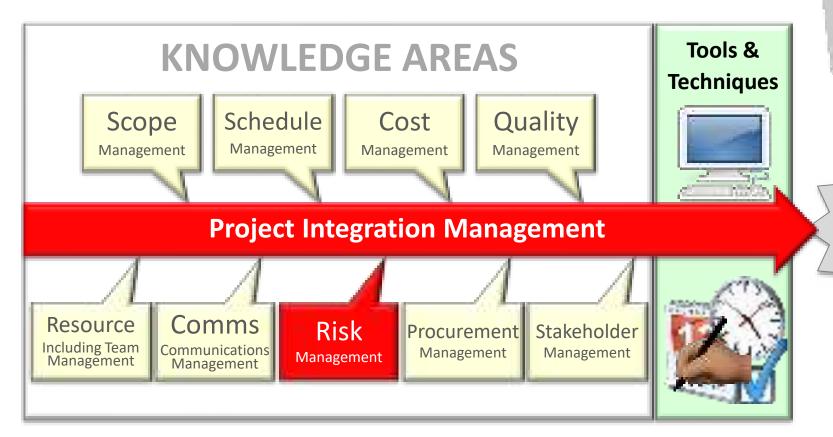
## RISK MONITORING & CONTROL

- This is an iterative and ongoing process to:
  - proactively monitor risks & status
  - identify changes in risk profiles/situation
  - implement/modify appropriate management strategies
- Main outputs of risk monitoring and control are:
  - Change Requests (to trigger Change Management)
  - recommended corrective and preventive actions
  - updates to the Risk Register, Contingency/Fallback plans, Project Management Plan, WBS, other project documents and organisational processes/assets





## SOFTWARE





PROJECT 
SUCCESS

**Project** 

**Portfolios** 

## RISK MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

- Commonly used Risk Management software includes:
  - MS Word/Word Processors For documents/Plans/Risk Register
  - MS Excel/Spreadsheets For documents/Risk Breakdown Structure/ Contingency-Fallback plans/Risk Register/quantitative modelling

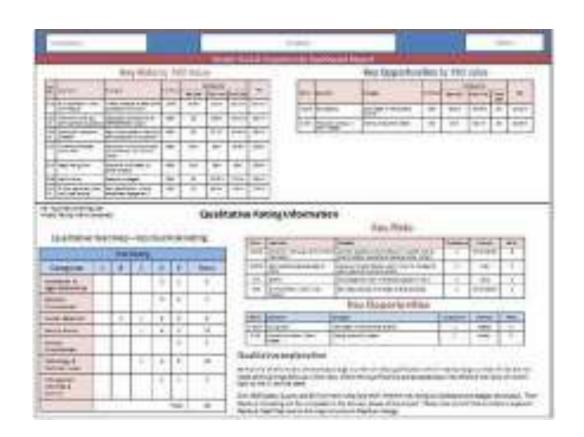
MS Access/Databases – For Risk Breakdown Structure/Contingency-

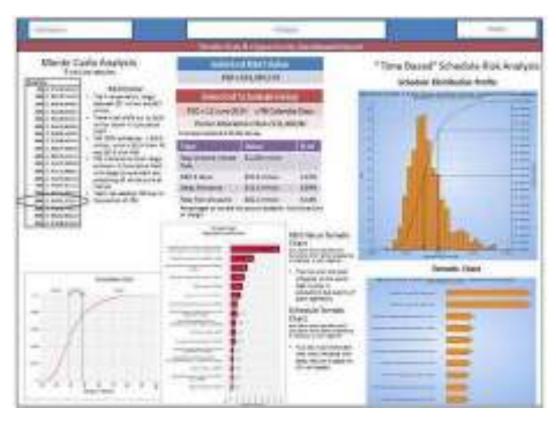
Fallback plans/Risk Register, etc.

Statistical Analysis Modelling Programs (Excel/SPSS/Other specialist programs)

- Microsoft Project (Custom Fields, Add-ins & Project Online)
- Numerous other packages

## THESE PROVIDE RISK DASHBOARDS





## AND MANY OTHER TOOLS (GET USED TO APPLYING WHAT IS PROVIDED BY YOUR ORGANISATION)



# TOPIC SUMMARY

## **TOPIC SUMMARY**

- Project Risk Management is critical (it affects everything)
- It is used to:
  - Identify risks
  - Analyse risks (qualitative & quantitative methods)
  - Plan methods for managing the risks (contingency & fallback)
  - Implement methods to manage risks (monitoring & controlling)
- ✓ When done properly it is almost invisible to people outside the project, but when not done it can be catastrophic

## IT IS MANAGED THROUGH...

Plan Risk Management

#### Input

- PMP & Project Charter
- Stakeholder Reg
- EEF & OPA

#### **Tools & Techniques**

- Analytical techniques
- Expert Judgement
- Meetings

#### **Outputs**

Risk Management Plan (RMP) Identify Risks

#### Input

PMP, RMP & Project docs EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Doc Reviews
- Info gathering
- Checklist & Assumption analysis
- Diagramming
- SWOT
- Expert Judgement

#### **Outputs**

Risk Register

#### **ANALYSE RISKS**

Qualitative Analysis

Quantitative Analysis

PMP, RMP & Project docs

Input

- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Risk probability
   & impact matrix
- Risk data assessment
- Risk categorisation
- Urgency assessment
- Expert Judgement

### **Outputs**

Document updates

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Data gathering &
- representation Risk analysis &
- modelling Expert judgement

## **Outputs**

Document updates

## Plan Risk Responses

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Strategies for +/- risks
- Contingent responses
- Expert judgement

#### **Outputs**

PMP & other Document updates

## Implement Risk Responses

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Lessons learnt, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- EEF & OPA

#### T&T

- Expert judgement
- Team management
- Info systems

#### **Outputs**

- Change requests
- PMP & other Document updates

## Monitor Risks (Control A/R)

#### Input

- PMP, RMP & Project docs
- Lessons learnt, Issues Log, Risk Reports, Risk Register
- Work perf info

#### T&T

- Data Analysis
- Audits
- Meetings

#### **Outputs**

- Perf Man
- Change Reqs
- PMP & other Document updates

# ANY SUESTIONS