

Delivery Execution

Case Studies in Operational Planning & Budgeting, Costing, and Technology Enablement

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AGENDA

- TBS Signaling around Resource Management
- Challenges and Research around Public Sector Planning and Budgeting
- Activity-Based Planning and the Importance of Resource Utilization
- The Role and Value of Technology Enablement
- Case Studies in Operational Planning
 - Veterans Affairs Canada
 - Canadian Coast Guard
 - Canada Council for the Arts
- Q & A





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

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



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

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It will support a strong focus on results, enabling Cabinet committees and individual ministers to: ...

Track and report on the progress of commitments -Assess the effectiveness of our work ... in order to **get** the results we Align resources with want and priorities 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 (July 2016)

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Recent Content 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

(-informed) Working towards performance budgeting _

HUGE!!!

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





What is Performance (-informed) Budgeting?



Current Challenges in Public Sector Planning and Budgeting

• Fiscal Focus

- 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")
- 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. "Gaming" of forecasts

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





Research on the Direction of Planning and Budgeting

"Top-performing organizations enable collaborations across business units to ensure that all key stakeholders are accounted for, creating a cohesive plan that is aligned with real business conditions"

101 Promote accountability within the organization 50% through effective communication and monitoring 55% Leaders 60% Percentage of Respondents, n = 45% 50% Improve ability to access and utilize data to inform 41% 40% forecasts 29% 30% Employ driver-driven analysis and scenario modeling 32% 20% 11% 10% Develop a formal planning / budgeting / forecasting 0% 32% workflow process Centralized Ability to connect repository of and analyze Involve more decision-makers in the planning / Leaders 23% financial or financial and budgeting / forecasting process operational data operational 0% 20% 40% 60% performance data Percentage of Respondents, n = 101

Top Strategies for Enacting Better Planning & Budgeting



ABERDEEN Enable Collaborative Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A) for More GROUP Accurate Forecasts and Budgets, Castellina, N., (March 2017)

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Key Information Requirements



Research on the Direction of Planning and Budgeting



LinkedIn FSN Modern Finance Forum - The Future of Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting Survey (2016)





Resource Alignment and Linkages to Performance



Logic Models Help Chart the Course

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

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Why we exist					
IMMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	ULTIMATE			
What the most direct impacts are	Where we have less impact	What the ultimate impact(s)			
Learning	Action	is/are			
Awareness	Behaviour	Conditions			
Knowledge	Practice	Social			
Attitudes	Decision-making	Economic			
Skills	Policies	Civic			
Opinions	Social Action	Environmental			
EXTERNAL FACTORS					

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Activity-Based Planning (ABP)

via Business Process Modeling



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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)



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Technology Enablement – Value Proposition

- Ad-hoc studies and Excel-based solutions become dated the moment they are completed are difficult to maintain/update
- Technology forces the standardization of meta-data and data collection strategies and drives discussions and consensus on operational definitions and terminology.
- Makes performance real and engaging for all levels of personnel by putting planning and reporting into "the hands of the masses" (especially Millennials!)







Technology Options for Activity-Based Planning

- 1. Large SW Vendors (Oracle, SAP, SAS) Lots of
- **Options!** 2. Niche SW Vendors (CloseReach CBP, CostPerform, Decimal, myABCM, ProDacapo)

CloseReach – Collaborative Business Planning (CBP)



SAS Cost and Profitability Management

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Case Study in Resource Planning Canadian Coast Guard – Polar Icebreaker

via Decimal Suite



Key Benefits

- Operational modeling
- Resource constraint analysis
- Scenario playing
- Operating and capital project budgeting





Case Study in Operational Planning & Costing Canada Council for the Arts (Training Demo)

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Operational and Financial Reporting and Analysis



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Unit Cost

\$3,366

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(Peers)

Field Team

(Workforce)

Labour Hrs

Equipment

(Asset)

Ea. Hrs

via Excel-based Modeling Technology

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Performance Alignment Solutions

Benefits of Activity-Based Planning





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Benefits of a More Operational Approach to Resource Management

The benefits of the demonstrated approach can be summarized in terms of overcoming some of the existing known issues of a purely financial 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 therefore 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 half-way through the budget cycle	Modeling technology makes it easier to keep budgets and forecasts up to date with operational planning models and scenario playing



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Thank – You !

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