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SWP Maturity Model



Connection to Strategy

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- Strategy is not considered in relation to strategic workforce planning (SWP).	- The importance of connecting strategy to workforce related actions as part of SWP is acknowledged however formal connection is yet to commence.	- A review and analysis of organisational strategic objectives has been completed and workforce related actions and initiatives are linked to the strategic objectives of the organisation.	 A structured approach to reviewing strategic objectives and systematically connecting them to workforce related actions and initiatives is in place. Tangible workforce related projects, actions and initiatives are produced based on the strategic objectives of the organisation. 	 A reviewed and refined approach to connection to strategy is embedded within the organization. An ongoing refresh mechanism has been established and relevant tools and technology are in place to support the process.



Data & Analytics

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- Data & Analytics is a new concept to the organisation.	 The importance of using data to provide insight and support business decisions is acknowledged. Some evidence of utilizing data to support business decisions exists. 	 Data analysis is incorporated and applied when determining a course of action. Additional data is sought, and further analysis is completed when course of action unclear. Utilization of data and analytics to underpin SWP is clear. 	 Complex data sets are effectively examined, analyzed and tied together to tell a story, validate or discount certain hypotheses. Data exists at the forefront of SWP activity and is extensively used to drive and influence workforce related actions and initiatives. 	 Data is critically questioned and analyzed, and outputs inform approaches at an enterprise level. Data driven decision- making frameworks and organisational capability are continuously reviewed, refined and improved.



Integration into Business As Usual

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- SWP does not form a part of business planning processes.	 SWP is considered a 'project', 'task' or 'activity'. While it considers other planning processes and cycles there is no refresh mechanism to incorporate the changing business and environmental landscape. SWP activity may be present within departments however integration across the enterprise is not evident. 	 The SWP is updated when there is a natural trigger for major change. Examples include a new strategy, major project and/or program of works and/or a merger, acquisition or divestment. 	 The SWP is refreshed in line with the ongoing business planning cycle based on updated business planning information. SWP Data inputs into further planning cycles such as the budget and departmental/ operational plans across the organization. 	 The SWP is completely integrated with the organisation's primary business and strategic planning processes, and takes information from, as well as provides information to, all relevant processes and cycles. SWP data supports sustainable growth projections and accuracy across various planning horizons.



Capability & Skills Based Approach

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 Capabilities & skills are not defined and/or not considered as part of SWP. 	 Required capabilities & skills are defined but used for talent acquisition and learning & development activities within the organization to address deficiencies. Capability and skill gaps are flagged anecdotally however magnitude of the gaps (competency levels) not yet established. 	- A structured approach to translating strategic objectives of the organization into required skills and capabilities is in place and gaps between future requirements and current state are highlighted.	 Applies a refined approach to understanding the organisations future capabilities based on the strategic objectives before articulating the emerging skills and capabilities required. Differentiates between capability, competency and skill and provides clarity to staff regarding how they fit together. 	 Utilizes a mature framework to identify gaps between current and future competency levels deriving from objectives-based enterprise capabilities and identifies bridging strategies across all skill and capability gaps as a formal part of SWP methodology.



Systems, Processes & Tools

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- Systems, processes and tools are not considered or utilised as part of the organization's SWP approach.	 Importance of key systems, processes, and tools used to enable strategic workforce planning is acknowledged. Technology is utilized to access workforce data, run reports and perform analyses. The importance of robust data integrity is understood and acknowledged. 	 Mature HR technology platforms and databases are utilized to conduct data analysis and create customized reports to support decision- making. Areas for refinement and optimization are identified and considered. 	 Systems, processes, and tools are heavily utilized for strategic workforce planning. Sophisticated models and simulations are developed and implemented to inform future workforce needs and scenarios. Advanced analytics are leveraged to guide strategic decisions. 	 An integrated HR technology ecosystem is used to create predictive models and enable cross- functional teams to optimize strategic workforce planning strategies by using real time information. Focus on continuous system, process and tools improvement is clear.