2012 Resilience Benchmarking

Background

In 2005 and 2008, the Tripartite Authorities undertook Resilience Benchmarking using high-level self-assessment surveys which received widespread support and engagement from the sector.

The sector benefited from the high level reports published on the results and from the publication of the Business Continuity Management Practice Guide (BCMPG), which fed back standard and leading practice observed in 2005.

Following discussions with sector representatives, and to reflect the move to more evidence-based supervision, we have concluded that the best way forward for benchmarking would be to move to smaller, single issue surveys.

Approach

We have a public commitment to benchmark in 2012 and will start that process by issuing surveys focussing on Cyber Resiliency which will probably include the following themes:

- Governance
- Critical Infrastructure
- Critical Systems
- Incident Response
- Threat & Vulnerability
- IT Vendor Management

The surveys are being developed with assistance from representatives of the sector. Initially surveys will be issued to a cross section of the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) firms selected from CNI categories 2 – 5.

Format

Each survey will be limited to a maximum of 30 questions. Where appropriate, participants may be asked to provide evidence in order to support their answers.

Any evidence provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and stored in a secure manner.
Objectives

The objectives of the 2012 Resilience Benchmarking is to:

- to update Section C of the Business Continuity Management Practice Guide (BCMPG) replacing it with an updated section reporting cyber resiliency standards as observed in participating firms;
- capture and share cyber resiliency practices across the sector, with the aim of strengthening sector resilience;
- increase Supervisors’ understanding of their firms’ capabilities in relation to cyber resiliency;
- assess the cyber resiliency of selected critical national infrastructure firms, identifying appropriate actions for improvement; and
- identify cyber resiliency topics for inclusion in future sector exercises.

Timeline

Please see below for proposed high level timeline:

| By 1 June | Design and development of benchmarking surveys completed |
| 4-15 June | Pilot surveys |
| 22 June | Surveys launched |
| 14 September | Surveys responses returned |
| September – Mid October | Analysis |
| Mid-October – Mid November | Results published |
| Mid-November - December | Draft results report and rework and publish BCMPG |

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