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Accountable Authority

Guideline to support implementation of Western
Australian Cyber Security Policy Clause 1.1
(Accountable Authority)

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1. WA Cyber Security Policy clause

1.1 Accountable Authority

The Accountable Authority (Director General, Chief Executive Officer or Chief Employee) of an entity is accountable for the entity's risk management, including cyber security risk management. The Accountable Authority must:

- Manage the entity's cyber security risks.
- Allocate executive responsibility for cyber security.
- Consider the implications of their entity's cyber security risk management decisions on other WA entities and share information on risks with DGov where appropriate.
- Allocate adequate resources to implement this policy and ensure the continuity of its implementation.

2. Guidance

Accountable Authority is defined under Part 4 of the Financial Management Act 2006.

In the WA Cyber Security Policy (the Policy) and this Policy Implementation guidance document, the term is used to mean the Director General, Chief Executive Officer or another person or body with overall responsibility for the operations of an entity in the scope of the Policy.

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security risk management extends to outsourced arrangements, i.e. services and organisations managing cyber security risk on the entity's behalf.

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security risk management, described using the specific wording employed in Clause 1.1 of the Policy, is included in the entity's governance records, including:

- The list of CEO's accountabilities, roles and responsibilities
- JDF of for the role of the entity's accountable authority
- All other internal and external governance documents specifying the role and responsibilities of the Accountable Authority.

The Accountable Authority's responsibility for cyber security management is visible and available to the entity Executive, as well as to all entity staff and the public as appropriate.