

Improving Efficiency and Cost-Effectiveness

The pressure on public sector organisations to make efficiency savings has never been greater. Organisations are being asked to improve the range and level of services they deliver, and to do so more cheaply. Polaris helps organisations to work more efficiently through a range of services.

Case Study: Investment Trade-Offs

The MOD asked us to appraise alternative options for reducing 'friendly fire' incidents between UK land forces. Using our Perform™ consultancy model and the MARVEL tool, we were able to capture and organise a wealth of expert knowledge on the costs, benefits, risks and potential synergies between different approaches. This allowed us to identify candidate solutions which had previously been missed, and which offered the potential for significant cost savings.

Case Study: ICT Procurement Support

We were approached by the management team for a £13m per annum DfT funded research programme, to assist in developing an intranet-based system to integrate the work of individual project managers within a streamlined governance process. Our early advice led to a significant re-scoping, with major risk and cost reductions. We then worked closely with the team to produce a detailed functional specification and to select a successful tender.

Case Study: Costing Capability

We have developed a way of reliably comparing the life cycle costs of different approaches to meeting a strategic objective. In a few months we were able to deliver a technique which breaks complex processes into a 'map' of tasks and dependencies, which can then be used to compare the costs, effectiveness and risks of different approaches to meeting an objective. It has been used to provide evidence to support multi-million pound procurement decisions, and successfully applied in short timescales.

Case Study: Research Programme Audit

The MOD commissioned Polaris to develop a method of assessing the return on its research funding. This was subsequently applied to programmes of between £5M and £300M. Specific metrics have been tailored to meet the needs of different programmes, and we have been able to recommend ways of improving:

- value for money
- likelihood of exploitation
- management processes
- project performance

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