

SMS 'The regulator's perspective'

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SMS in its simplest form



- Actively look for safety issues in your operations, products or services
- Take action to reduce the risks of those safety issues becoming unwanted events
- Monitor your activities to be sure that you have appropriately controlled those risks.

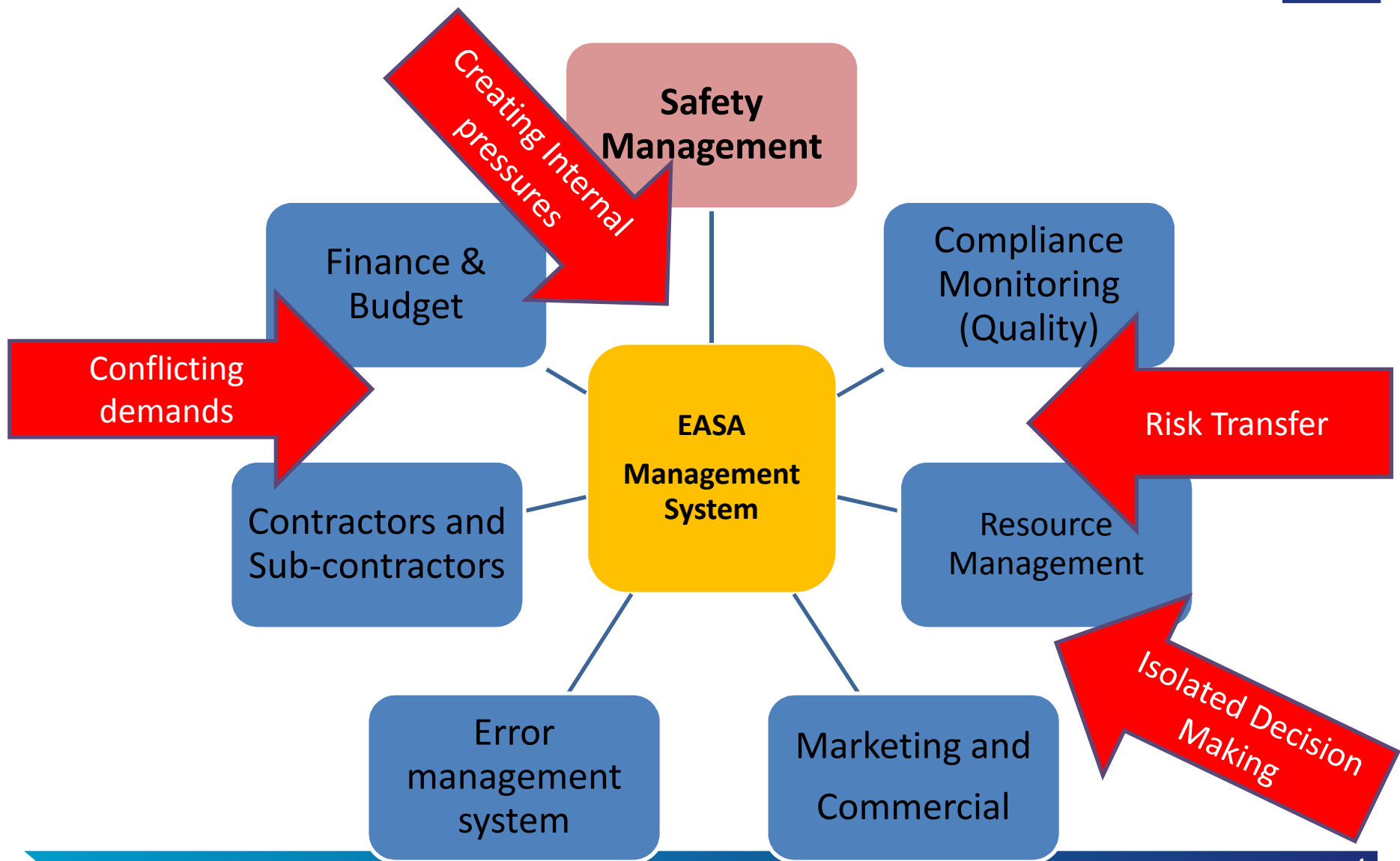
An SMS does not have to be complicated to be effective.

Why do we need SMS?



- Its how we stay safe
 - It helps us recognise and manage our own specific risks
 - It helps us make better risk decisions
 - It helps us recognises human and organisational factors
 - We can use it to improve our business
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- It's has to be more than a manual
 - Its what you do

An integrated Management System



Regulatory Oversight of SMS

- Our oversight needs to be joined up
- We need to assess the compliance and performance of the SMS
- An effective SMS is the key input into performance based oversight
- It requires a different regulatory approach with new tools
- It requires the inspector to look beyond the manual
- We are on our own journey

Implementing an effective SMS



- When Safety Management is what you do and is part of your day to day activities you will get a return on your investment.
- An SMS manual that sits on a shelf won't!
- We want risk management to be at the centre of your future activities (and ours).
- Communication, Communication, Communication
- Keep it as simple as you can!
- SMS is collaborative and needs to be integrated
- We all share Aviation Safety Risks

Questions?