





# Fidelity Fraud, Cybercrime & Emerging Threats

What Insurance Professionals Must Know

# Bio

- Forensic technology expert witness and cybersecurity consultant
- Over 2,000 cases investigated
- Twice as old as when I started my forensic career
- Monthly forensic and cyber bulletin - 76<sup>th</sup> Edition
- C64 Basic (1984) – CyberSafeHQ.com (100% AI)
- Flight Simulator and newbie skipper

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# 60 Second Summary

- Threat Landscape – Cyber and Workplace
- Emerging Technologies
- Case Studies



# Threat Landscape

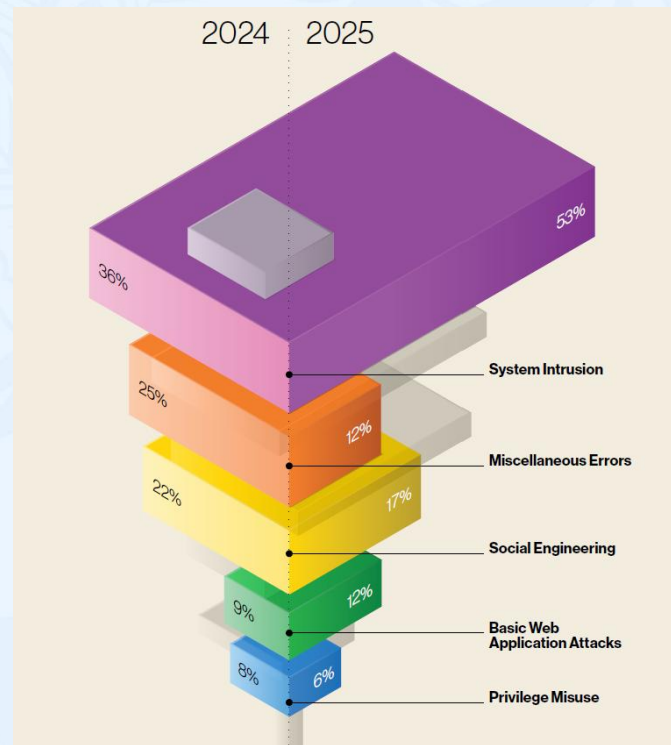
# NCSC – Cyber Snapshot

**2023/2024 incidents handled through general triage process affecting organisations, primarily small to medium, by category**



# Verizon 2025 Data Breach Investigations Report

- 18th Edition
- Over 1 million datapoints
- 22,052 security incidents that compromised the integrity, confidentiality or availability of an information asset.
- 12,195 breaches that resulted in the confirmed disclosure of data to an unauthorised party.





# DBIR – Top takeaways

- 60% of breaches involved a human element
- 30% of breaches were linked to third-party involvement – double 2024
- 34% increase in attackers exploiting vulnerabilities to gain initial access
- 54% of perimeter-device vulnerabilities were fully remediated
- 44% of all breaches analysed showed ransomware was present, a notable rise

# Ransomware - Dark Web

May 15Th, 2025

Currently tracking **435** groups across **1740** relays & mirrors - **590** currently online

Got **587** DLS, **895** FS, **233** Chats and **25** Admin/Affiliates pages.

Currently tracking **121** forums & markets across **213** relays & mirrors - **91** currently online

Currently tracking **284** telegram channels.

There have been **10** posts within the last 24 hours

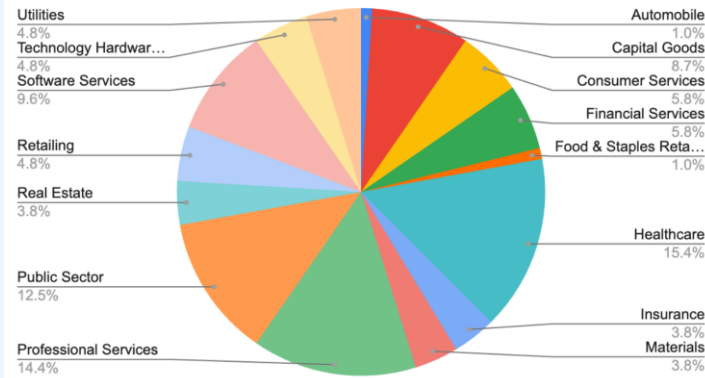
There have been **231** posts within the month of may

There have been **2339** posts within the last 90 days

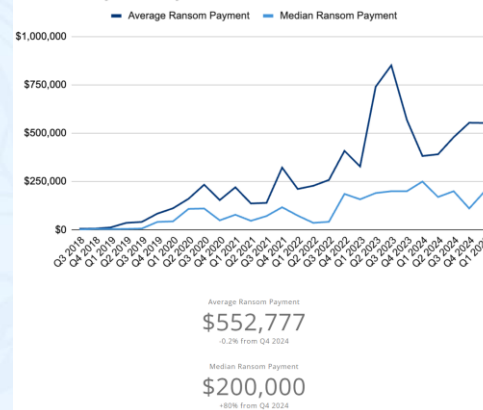
There have been **3412** posts within the year of 2025

# Ransomware Facilitator Statistics

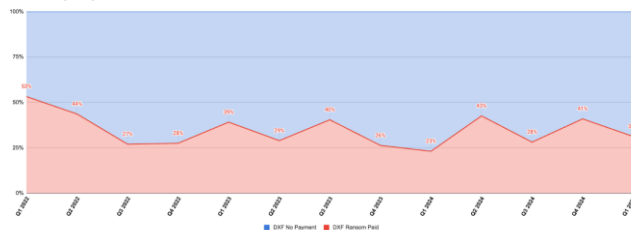
Industries Impacted by Ransomware Q1 2025



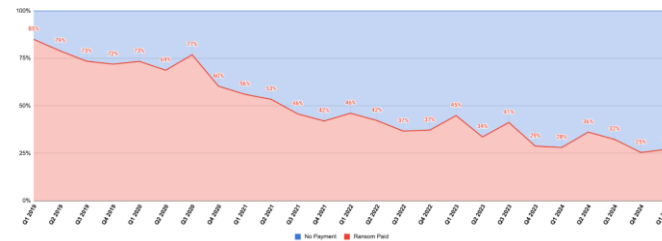
Ransom Payments By Quarter



DXF-Only Payment Resolution Rates



All Ransomware Payment Resolution Rates



# Cyber Governance – NZ v Australia

New Zealand Government

## New Zealand's cyber security strategy 2019

Enabling New Zealand to thrive online



### Privacy Act 2020

Public Act 2020 No 31  
Date of assent 30 June 2020  
Commencement see section 2



### Privacy Act 1988

No. 119, 1988



### Cyber Security Act 2024

No. 98, 2024

# FMA – Increasing Requirements

- In April 2024, the FMA introduced new standard conditions for business continuity and technology systems, along with a new process for reporting operational incidents, effective 1 July 2024.
- Key requirements:
  - Business Continuity Plans: Licence holders must maintain a plan covering response, recovery, and restoration following disruptions, including outsourced arrangements.
  - Critical Technology Systems: They must ensure resilience of systems critical to service provision and compliance, maintaining confidentiality, integrity, and availability.
  - Incident Notification: Licence holders must notify the FMA within 72 hours of any event that significantly impacts critical technology systems. The FMA provides an online notification template for rapid reporting and updates.

# OAIC Prosecution of Medibank

## Medibank data breach: alleged timeline

This infographic summarises the Australian Information Commissioner's alleged timeline of the Medibank data breach as set out in the concise statement filed in the Federal Court.

### Before 7 August 2022

An employee of a third-party IT provider contracted by Medibank saved their Medibank credentials to their personal internet browser profile on their work computer. These credentials were then synced to their personal device. This person had a Medibank admin account.

### Around 7 August 2022

The Medibank credentials were stolen from the third-party's employee's personal device by malware.

### 12 August 2022

The threat actor tested the Medibank credentials for the admin account.

### Around 23 August 2022

The threat actor authenticated and logged onto Medibank's virtual private network (VPN), which allowed remote access to the Medibank corporate network. They installed a malicious script.

### Around 24–25 August 2022

Medibank's endpoint detection and response (EDR) security software generated various alerts that were sent to the Medibank IT Security Operations email inbox, but not appropriately triaged or escalated at the time.

At the time, Medibank's VPN did not require 2 or more proofs of identity or multi-factor authentication; only a device certificate or a username and password was required.

### 11 October 2022

Medibank's IT Security Operations team triaged a high severity incident after an alert and engaged a third party to investigate.

### Around 25 August–13 October 2022

The threat actor accessed numerous Medibank systems and extracted approximately 520GB of data. The EDR software generated further alerts, which were not appropriately triaged or escalated at the time.

### 19 and 22 October 2022

The threat actor contacted Medibank and provided sample data as evidence of the breach.

### Around 16 October 2022

The third party noticed suspicious volumes of data had been extracted.

### 9 November–1 December 2022

The threat actor published data on the dark web.

# Workplace Risks – ACFE's 2024 Findings



A TYPICAL FRAUD CASE  
lasts **12 MONTHS**  
before detection

## ANTI-FRAUD CONTROLS

The presence of anti-fraud controls is associated with



**LOWER**  
fraud losses

AND



**QUICKER**  
fraud detection

**82%** of victim organizations  
**MODIFIED** their anti-fraud  
controls following the fraud.

**27%** of these modifications are  
expected to be **EXTREMELY**  
**EFFECTIVE** in preventing  
similar frauds in the future.

More **THAN HALF** of occupational frauds  
occur due to a lack of internal controls or  
an override of existing internal controls.

**32%** Lack of internal controls

**19%** Override of existing controls

## CASE RESULTS

**68%** of perpetrators were terminated  
by their employers

**57%** of cases  
referred  
to **LAW**  
**ENFORCEMENT**

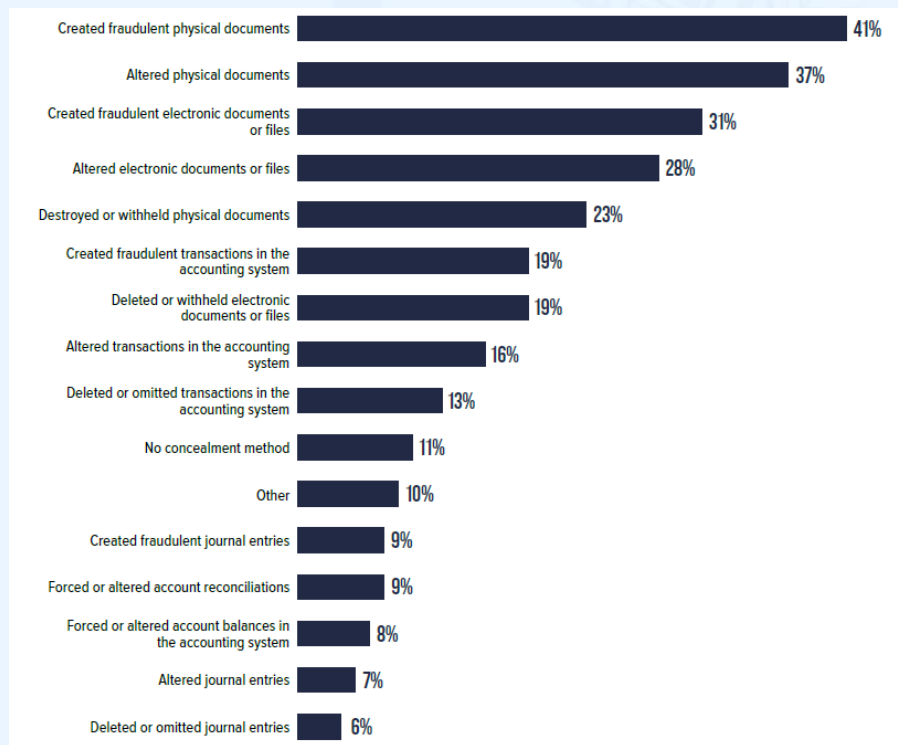
**72%** of those  
referrals  
resulted in a  
**CONVICTION**

Of organizations that did not  
refer to law enforcement:

**49%**  
cited  
**INTERNAL DISCIPLINE**  
as the reason

**34%**  
cited fear of  
**BAD PUBLICITY**  
as the reason

# ACFE – Fraudsters Concealment

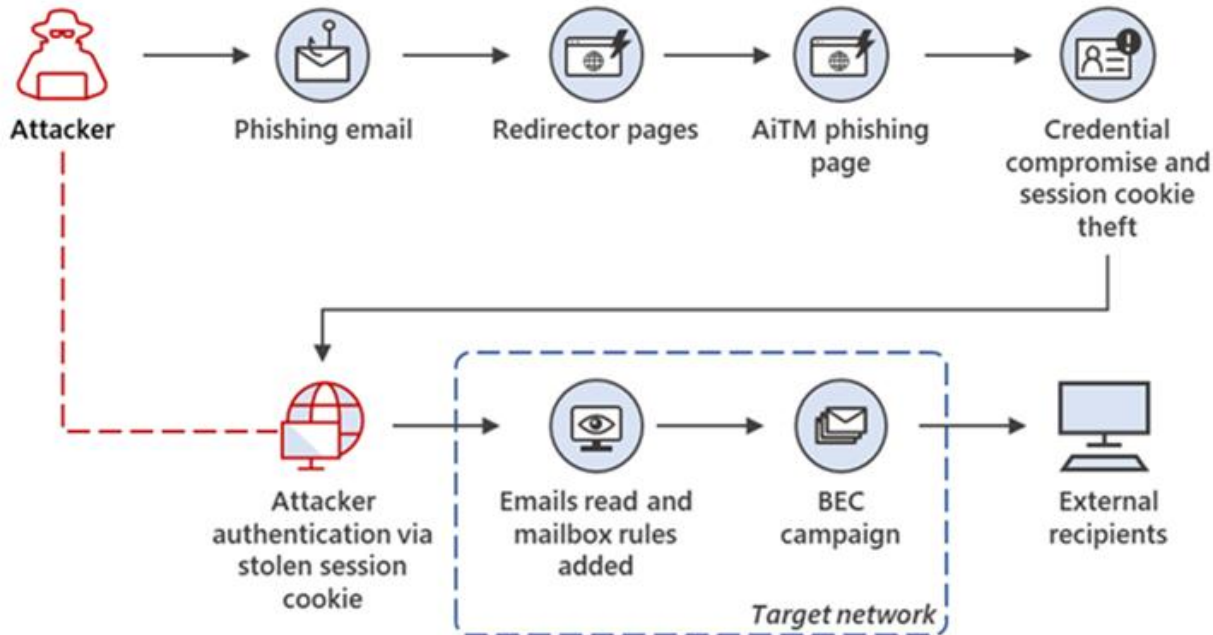




# Emerging Technologies

Threats and Opportunities

# Business Email Compromise – Post MFA



# DBIR – AI

- Some evidence of use by threat actors.
- Synthetically generated text in malicious emails has doubled over the past two years.
- 15% of employees were routinely accessing GenAI systems on their corporate devices.
- Emerging threat is corporate-sensitive data leakage to the GenAI platforms.
- 72% using non-corporate emails as the identifiers of their accounts and 17% without integrated authentication systems, most likely suggesting use outside of corporate policy.

# AI - Opportunities



## Communications and Notifications (CAN)

Craft tailored crisis communication templates



## Cyber Incident Simulation Report (SIM)

Compile cyber incident simulation report, including detailed insights



## Incident Response Solutions

Chatbot to learn about Incident Response Solutions services



## Ransomware Facilitation Simulator

Simulates ransomware attacker correspondence, during a facilitation or negotiation process



## Ransomware Response Guidance

Dynamic ransomware playbook, to supplement static plans and procedures



## Cyber Bulletin Author

Draft the monthly cyber incident response bulletin based on current events



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Media Statements (Reactive).docx

Document

<https://diddlysquatfarmshop.com/>



# AI – Media Statements

## **Original Holding Statement:**

"Earlier this month, Acme Law Firm was the victim of a ransomware attack that affected, temporarily, some of our IT systems.

The situation was contained quickly, and we have been working closely with a team of forensic cyber security specialists to determine the impact. This investigation is ongoing.

We have reported the breach to the appropriate authorities, including NZ Police and CERT NZ."

## **Redrafted Holding Statement in Diddly Squat Farm Shop's Style:**

"So, here's the scoop: earlier this month, Acme Law Firm had an unwelcome guest—a ransomware attack that gave our IT systems a bit of a headache.

We jumped on it swiftly, teaming up with top-notch cyber security experts to figure out what went awry. The investigation is still in full swing.

We've also given a heads-up to the right folks, including the NZ Police and CERT NZ."

# AI - Expert Witness

## Example 1 - Courts

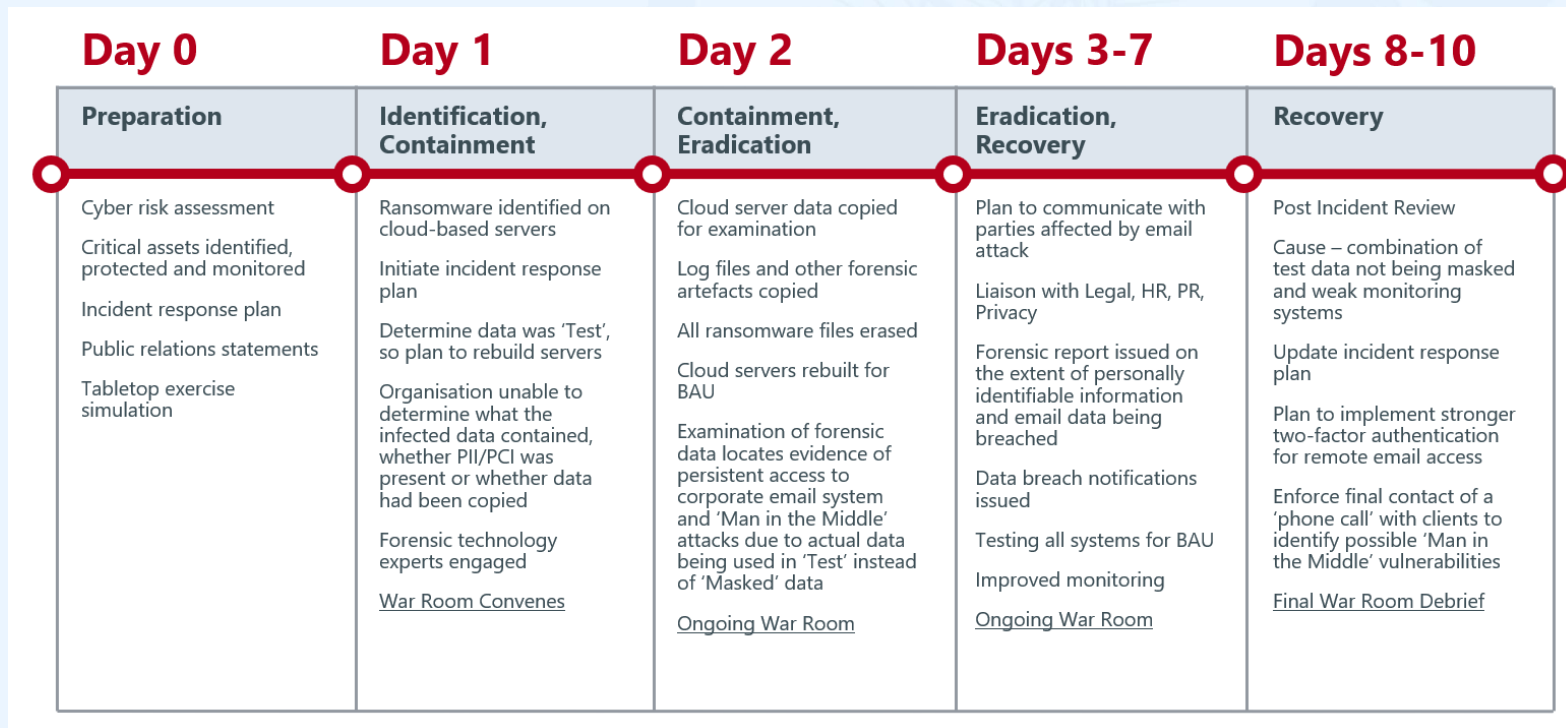
- Forensic Expert Witness consulting on eDiscovery to Law Firm and Client.
- Continuous Active Learning involving ~500,000 documents.
- Lawyers reviewed ~20% of the documents.

## Example 2 - Regulator

- Forensic Expert Witness consulting on Privacy Breach to Insurers, Insured and Law Firm, for provision to OPC.
- AI involving ~200,000 documents.
- Lawyers reviewed ~4% of the documents.

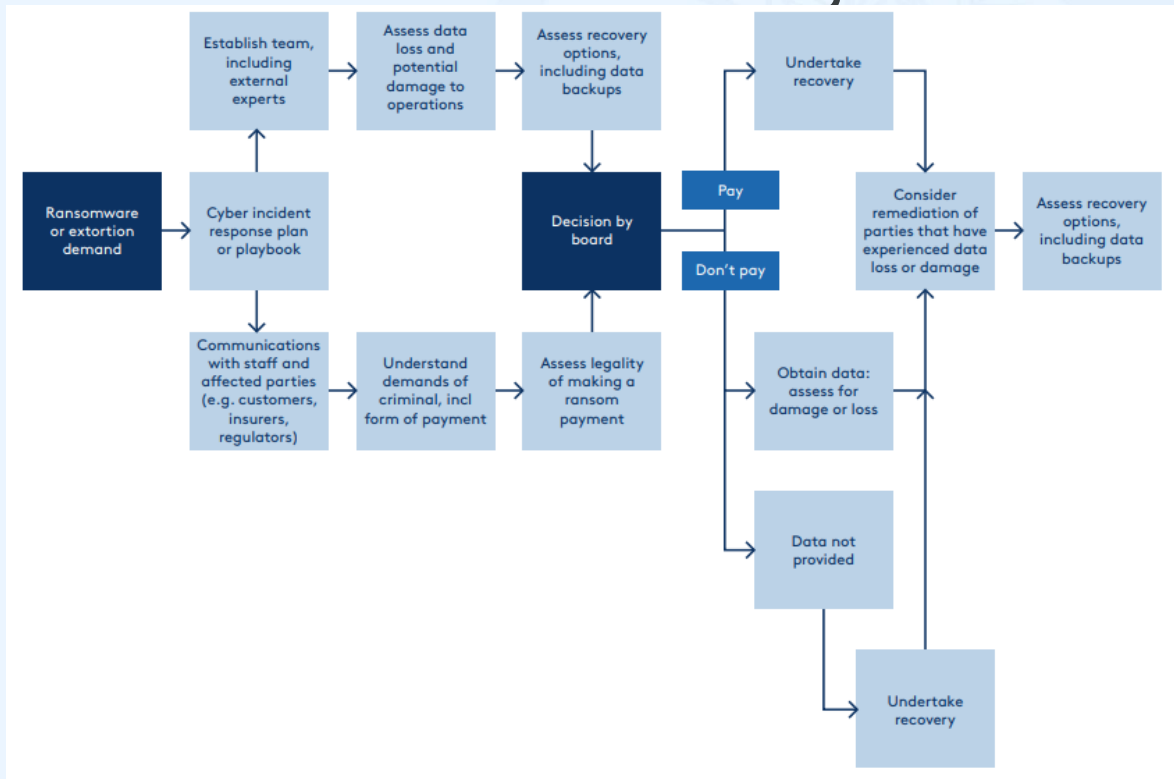
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# Ransomware – Availability and Confidentiality

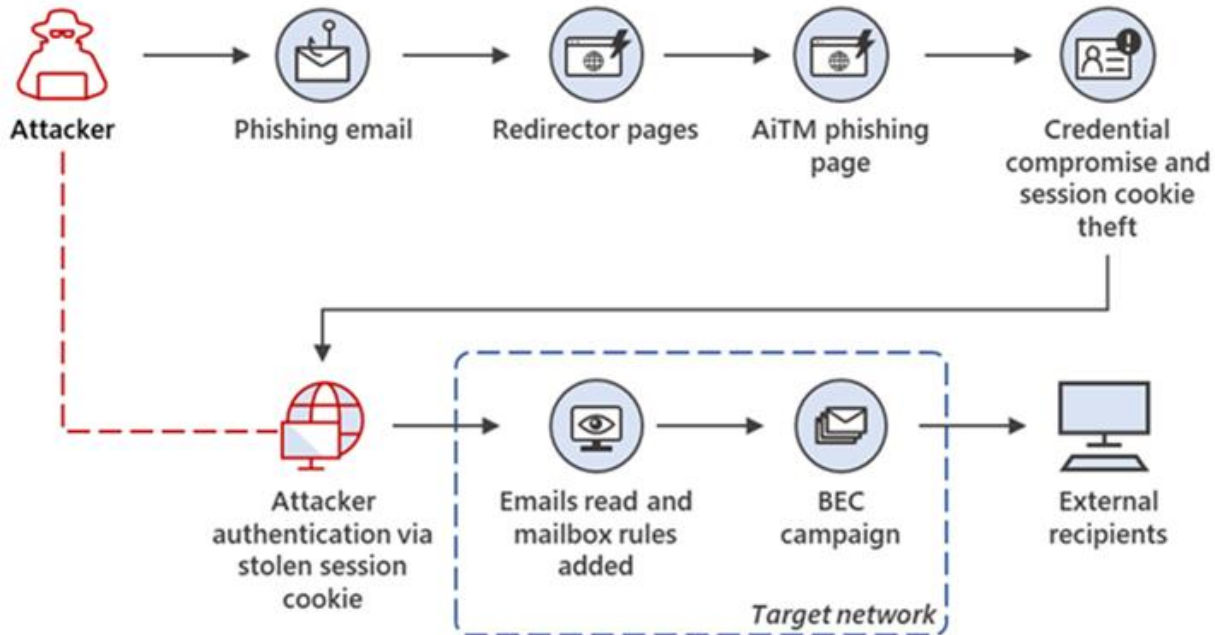




# Ransomware Decision Making Process – AICD



# Business Email Compromise – Post MFA



# Fraud Investigation

## Emotional Intelligence

Rationalization



Opportunity



Intent



Pressure



Roundabout Style



Negativity



Positivity



 Unscored  Neutral (0)  Low (1-3)  Medium (4-6)  High (7-10)

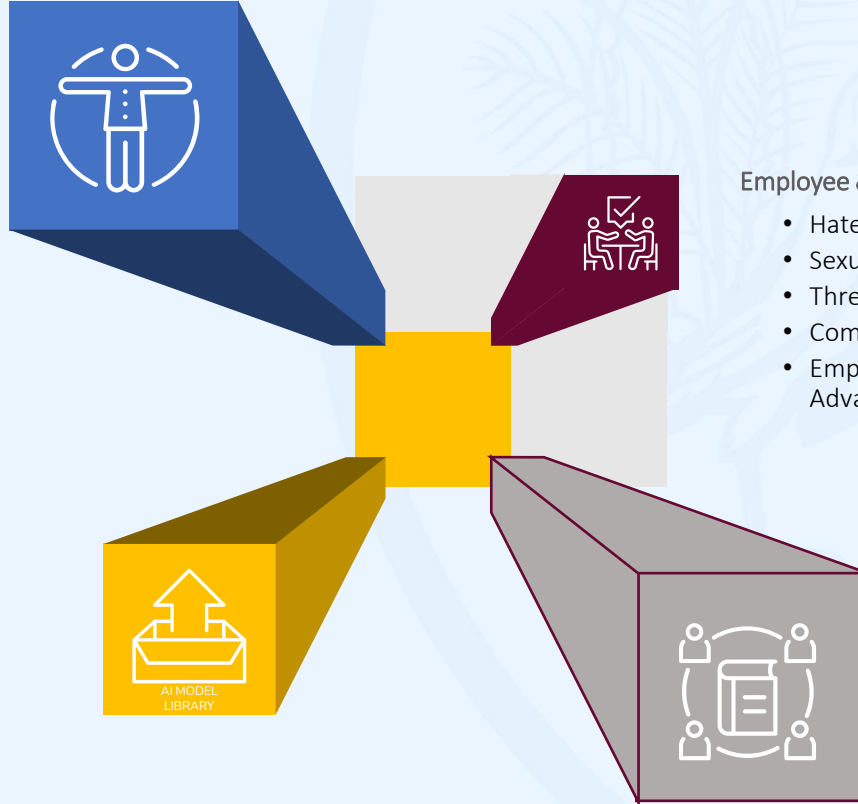
# Supervised / Continuous Active Learning

## Fraud, Ethics, FCPA Investigations, & Litigation

- Employment & Career Advancement
- Contracts
- Gifts & Entertainment Kickbacks
- Work Events
- Advertisements & Promotions
- Pricing & Fees
- Asking for Advice

## IRS Custom AI Models

- Privacy Breach
- Fraud
- Cartel
- Conflict of Interest
- Employment
- Health and Safety



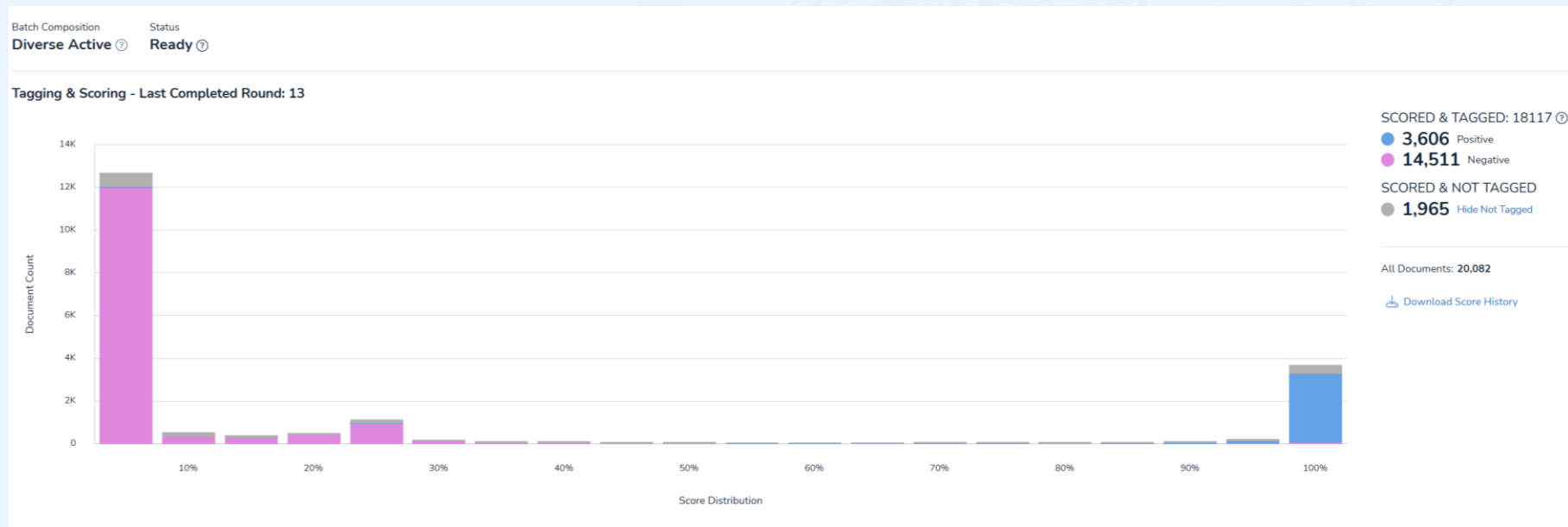
## Employee & HR Issues

- Hate & Discrimination
- Sexually Explicit Comments
- Threatening Behavior
- Comments on Appearance
- Employment & Career Advancement

## Data Breach & Sensitive Data

- Privileged Content
- Contracts

# Supervised / Continuous Active Learning



# Image Labeling

## Image Labels ▲

Text; Document; Adult; Male; Man; Person; Id Cards; Driving License; Face; Head; Passport

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# Generative Pre-training Transformer (GPT)

Ask



Are there reports published by the New Zealand Government?

Yes, there are several reports published by the New Zealand Government mentioned in the given context. Some examples include the National Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Strategy released by the Ministry of Justice, the report from Te Uepū Hāpai i te Ora – the Safe and Effective Justice Advisory Group titled "Turukī! Turukī! Transforming our Criminal Justice System", the Ministry of Justice's report titled "Highly Victimized People", and the New Zealand Crime and Victims Surveys data used in the report on highly victimized people. Additionally, the Police have released reports on the use of tactical options and regional variation in response to low-level drug offences.

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