

Executive Answerability Benchmark Worksheet

Domain Methods

Use this with one recurring leadership question. Score the answer path, not the dashboard.
1 = strong, 2 = fragile, 3 = weak. Lower total means the answer is more repeatable.

1. Name the recurring question

Executive question: _____

Decision this answer is expected to support: _____

Decision owner: _____ Answer-path owner: _____

Next review cycle or meeting date: _____

2. Score the seven dimensions

Question stability: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Owner clarity: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Maintained answer path: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Caveat stability: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Lineage and reconciliation: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Refresh effort: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

Decision consequence: 1 / 2 / 3 Notes: _____

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Score band and first repair

3. Assign the answerability band

Total score: _____

7-10 = Operationally answerable: maintained path, owner, caveats, and safe use are clear.

11-15 = Repeatable with caveats: usable, but caveats or owner judgment still need translation.

16-21 = Heroic: do not treat the answer as maintained; it still depends on rescue work.

4. Pick the first repair

Weakest dimension: _____

First fix before the next cycle: _____

Named owner: _____ Due date: _____

Caveat that must travel with the current answer: _____

What this answer is safe to support now: directional / decision-grade / board-grade

5. Route the next conversation

If teams disagree on definitions or which number wins, use Three Teams, Three Numbers.

If the executive ask keeps turning into analyst rescue work, use Translate the Ask.

The goal is not perfect reporting. The goal is knowing which answers are maintained and which are still rescued.