

ARE YOU CYBER READY?

Asia Pacific businesses vulnerable to escalating cyber threats

We asked legal leaders to share their experience of the cyber risk landscape across Asia.

Top 3 aspects of cyber risk that are greatest concern:

- 1. Lack of expertise
- 2. Underinvestment in systems/infrastructure
- 3. Limited or no testing of policies and procedures

Over 60%

believe the cyber risk threat to their organisation has increased compared with 12 months ago.



of boards have been educated about cyber risk in the past 12 months.



44%

have not held a board simulation



35%

of respondent boards have not decided whether they are open to paying an extortion.



of organisations have a director with cyber expertise or experience on the board.



45% of respondents said the legal team is a key member of the crisis response team in the event of a cyber extortion incident.



of legal teams have never participated in



58% do not have a specific legal cyber incident response plan.



Over 75%

of respondents do not have a budget for the legal team specifically dedicated to spend on cyber risk.



33% have an individual tasked with covering data and cyber risks.

30% have a resource dedicated solely to these risks.



response plan



61% believe cyber is a CIO risk to own.



Only 29% are satisfied with

their organisation's data collection and retention practices.



of respondents consider it would take a cyber attack to meaningfully improve their organisation's focus on data risk management



More than 56% say more could be done to support cyber resilience in their jurisdiction.



say they would not engage a law

firm from an insurer's panel.



These findings are from a survey designed and run by Herbert Smith Freehills. Data was gathered from June to August 2024. The survey was anonymous and promoted widely to in-house legal teams, including via LinkedIn. 175 respondents globally, 51% of which were General Counsel or equivalent. Data above relates to Asia-based respondents only