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Lack of professional tertiary education and research experience in Research Governance staff. Many are administrative/clerical staff seconded from other positions in WA health. Suggest as a minimum a tertiary qualification in a related discipline.

Service/Divisional Business Manager (BM) review and signing of SSA is a hinderance in our health region. The Service/Division BM generally has no research experience, little understanding of RGS, and no longer directly manages research finances. This slows the process and there is not adequate coverage when the BM is on leave, hence slowing up the process further. I would suggest a person in the Research Business Support Unit is better placed to review and sign the SSA.

Budget authorisation in RGS is very slow and hinders the process. Suggest perhaps upload all quotes and do away with the budget section completely. Then have a total of in "in kind" or "sponsor" payments only. As the "shortfall/surplus" in the budget, must equal "zero" the entire process is superfluous.

SSA signing process in RGS is very slow and cumbersome. If one signature is missed due not being able to be obtained (annual leave), then all others are required to be re-signed and the SSA unlocked. Suggest the SSA is signed by the PI and Service director only, and no longer the BM or PathWest and IT.

Budget changes after initial approval in RGS are dealt with in a very cumbersome way. Suggest all CTRA amendments that require a budget change post initial approval do not require an update to the RGS budget as long as updated service provider quotes are provided in RGS.