

## Agenda item 2.4

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# UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF PROJECT ASSESSMENTS

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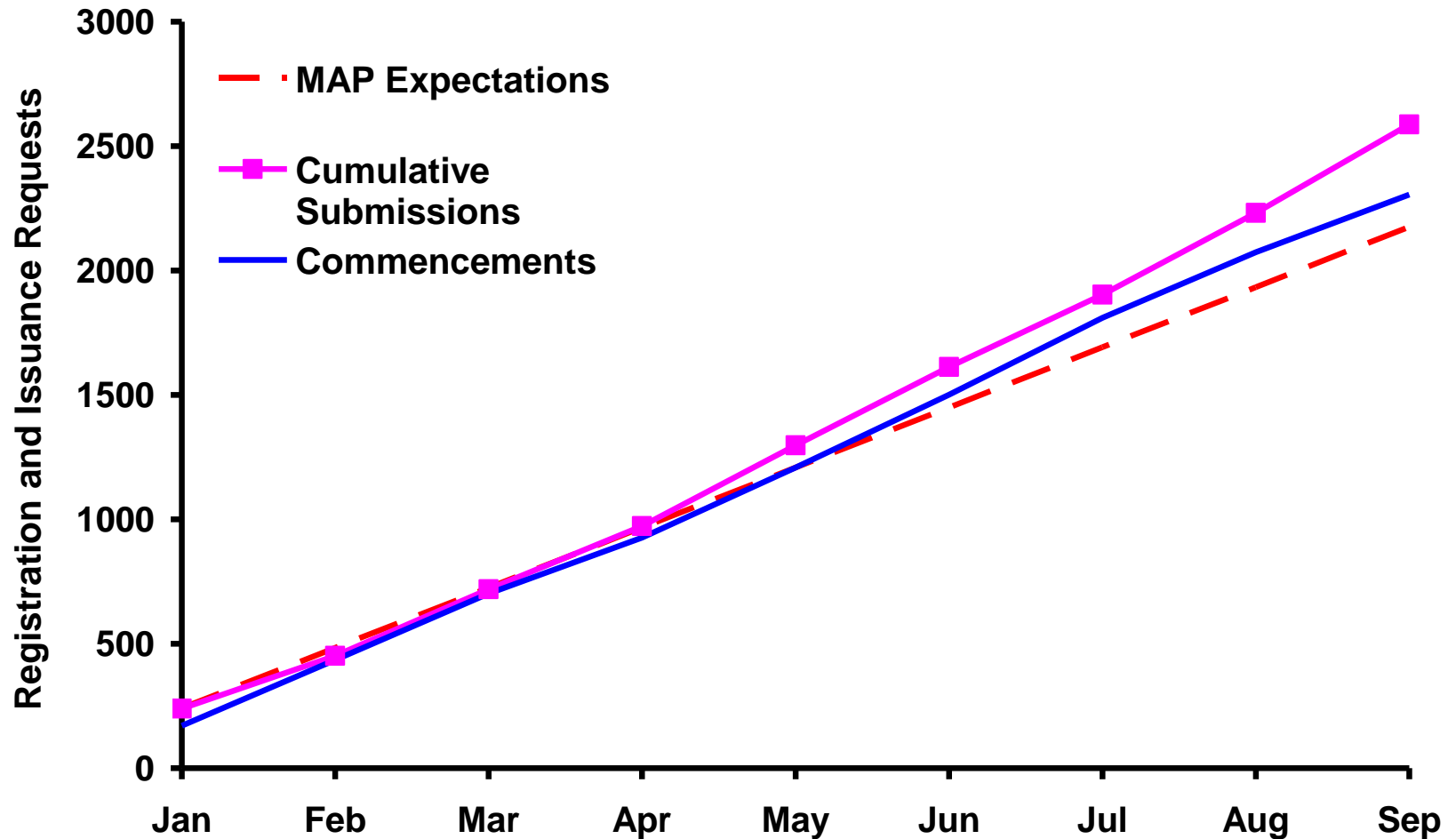


## Background

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- Over the past two months, a backlog for project assessments has been building
- Key reasons for the emergence of the backlog is
  - High levels of registration and issuance submissions in August and September in combination with high volumes also for Change PDD and Revision Monitoring Plan
  - Re-aligning assessments to ensure that all project-related submission are handled in the order received
  - Re-aligning teams to increase technical specialization and project “ownership” using a portfolio approach
- Taken together, this caused an increase in the total days between submissions and processing, temporarily peaking at 33 days

## Cumulative Submission Trends in 2011

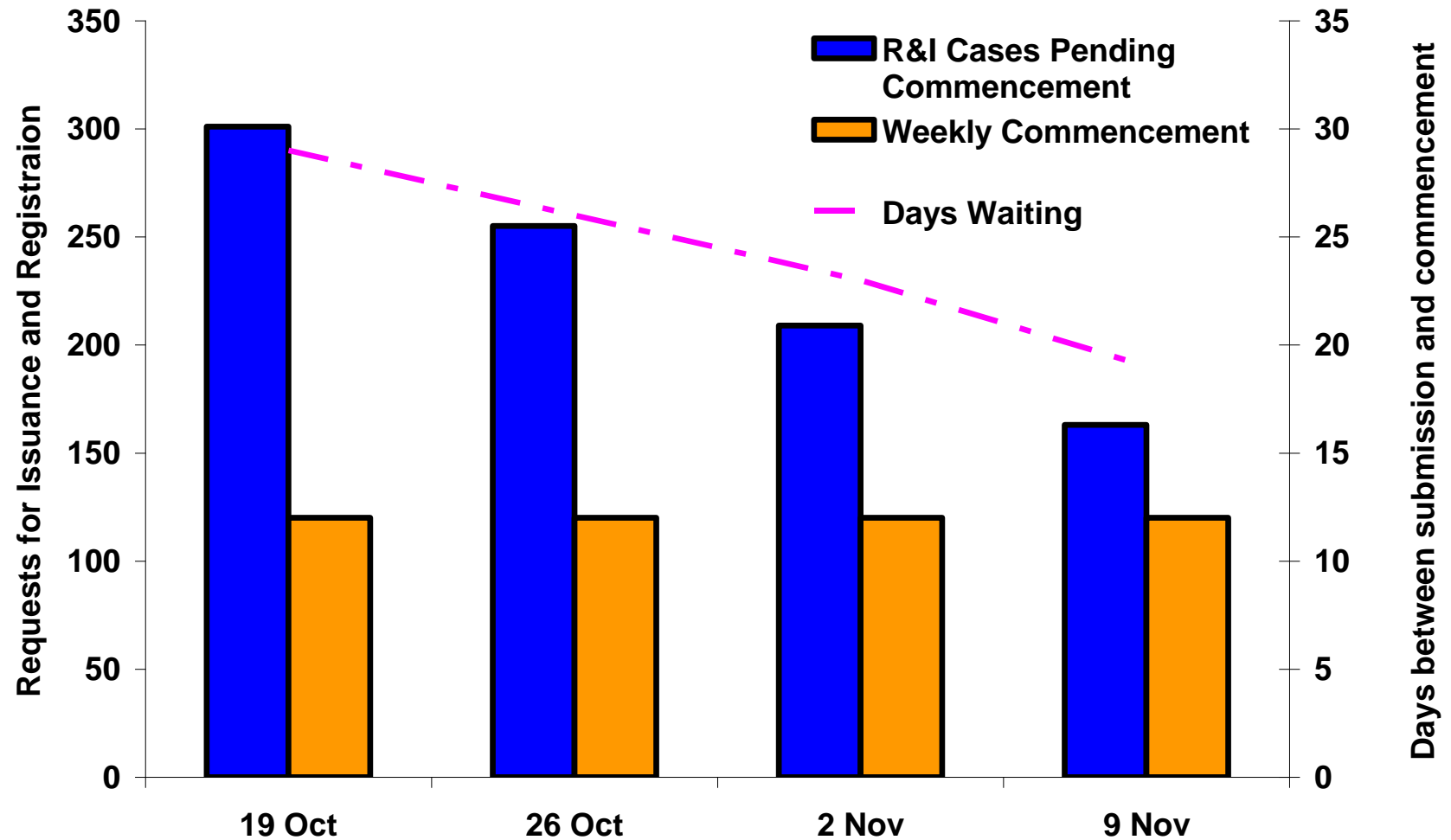


## How is the secretariat addressing the situation?

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- The secretariat is well aware of the situation and is addressing the problem through a work peak that has already started and is expected to last four weeks:
  - 50 percent increase of utilization of external experts for assessing submissions
  - 50 percent increase in staff work load
- The temporarily increased effort by the secretariat is expected to reduce the waiting time from 30+ days to 19-20 days by the second week of November for all submission types
- Long term capacity of the secretariat to assess new submissions is commensurate with submission rates

## Addressing the Backlog – week by week



## Observations

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- **Secretariat capacity** is sufficient to handle normal case loads
- **Temporary peaks in 2012** may require temporarily increased use of experts and utilization of staff to bring waiting times in line
- **Overall increase in submissions** will require more extensive use of experts, including bringing external experts in house for some periods of time, especially if the increase is substantial
- **Utilizing a risk-based approach**, including sampling, will improve ability to manage high volume of submissions