

## Australian Public Service **Employee Census 2020**

12 October-13 November



# Highlights Report HOME AFFAIRS



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RESPONSES:	
9,633 of 14,148	

RESPONSE RATE:	
68%	



### MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR RESULTS



01.

Identify the areas where you are performing well.

These will tend to be high results which are notably above any comparative results. These should be celebrated. Share the good news with employees.

# Understanding your report and getting to action!

The results in this report give you summary information.

Take the time to fully understand this report and digest the results.

Consider your response rate and if it is representative of the views of your colleagues.

Identify areas that need improvement.

02

These will be the lower results, and/or those which are scoring notably below your comparators. Consider discussing these areas with your colleagues in focus groups or individually or team meetings, gather their thoughts and solutions before deciding on actions to take.

03.

Consider if there is actually room for improvement.

This report shows the proportion of colleagues responding positively (strongly agree + agree), neutrally (neither agree nor disagree) or negatively (disagree + strongly disagree) to the question asked in the survey. Look at how your positive scores compare to your parent unit, and your last survey's results.

04.

Consider the impact of high neutral responses (lots of employees ticking 'neither agree nor disagree')

Ask your colleagues about their views to find out what is causing this. More communication and involvement may help to shift them to a positive frame of mind.

Take action - think 'quick wins', short term and long term.

05.

Encourage all colleagues to help with action planning and implementation.

Think about what you want employees to be saying about their working lives in the future and what should be put in place to make this happen.



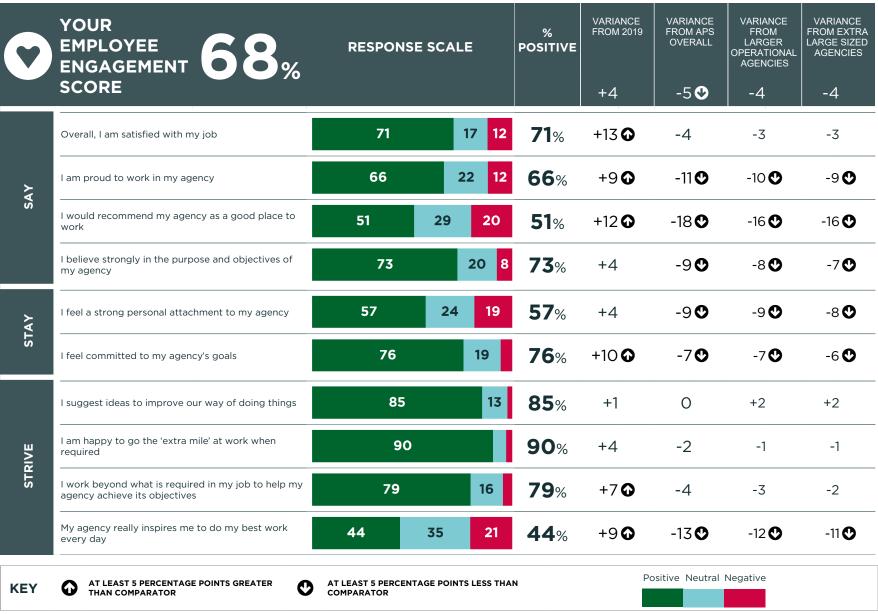
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### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT: SAY, STAY, STRIVE**



#### HOW **ENGAGED IS** YOUR TEAM?

**ENGAGEMENT SCORES** AREN'T JUST ABOUT HOW MUCH PEOPLE LIKE WORKING FOR AN AGENCY. IT IS A MEASURE OF THE **EMOTIONAL** CONNECTION AND COMMITMENT **EMPLOYEES HAVE TO** WORKING FOR THE AGENCY.



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### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

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# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES		
What is your gender?							
Male		42%	+1	+5 <b>0</b>	+5 <b>0</b>	+5 <b>0</b>	
Female		<b>55</b> %	-1	-5♥	-5♥	-5♥	
X (Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified)		0%	0	0	0	0	
Prefer not to say		<b>3</b> %	0	-1	0	0	
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres St	rait Islander?						
Yes	<u> </u>	2%	0	-1	-2	-2	
No		98%	0	+1	+2	+2	
Do you have an ongoing disability?							
Yes	I	6%	0	-2	-3	-3	
No		94%	0	+2	+3	+3	
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EMPLOYEES WHO INDICATED THAT THEY HAD WORKED ON TASKS OR ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO COVID-19 WERE ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK.
EMPLOYEES COULD SELECT ONE OR MORE RESPONSES FROM A LIST OF ITEMS.

	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES			
Do you have carer responsibilities?								
Yes		41%	-1	0	0	0		
No		<b>59</b> %	+1	0	0	0		
Since 27 February 2020, have you worked on tasks or	activities directly related to COVID-19?							
Yes		48%	-	-1	0	-4		
No		<b>52</b> %	-	+1	0	+4		
Vhat form did this work take? [Multiple Response]								
Working in a different team within your agency on work dedicated to the COVID-19 response and related activities (e.g. a COVID-19 taskforce)		29%	-	+80	+7 <b>@</b>	+76		
Working in a different agency on work dedicated to the COVID-19 response and related activities (e.g. APS2000 surge workforce)		<b>5</b> %	-	0	+1	+1		
Working on COVID-19 related work in my usual role		<b>76</b> %	-	-4	-4	-3		
Other		<b>4</b> %	-	-1	-1	-1		
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#### **EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS**

	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
Do you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and	or Intersex (LGBTI+)?					
Yes		6%	+1	0	+1	+1
No		94%	+4	0	-1	-1
Are you currently seconded to a different agency and for less than six months?	have been working within that agency					
Yes		1%	-	0	0	0
No		99%	-	0	0	0

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#### **SENIOR LEADERSHIP**



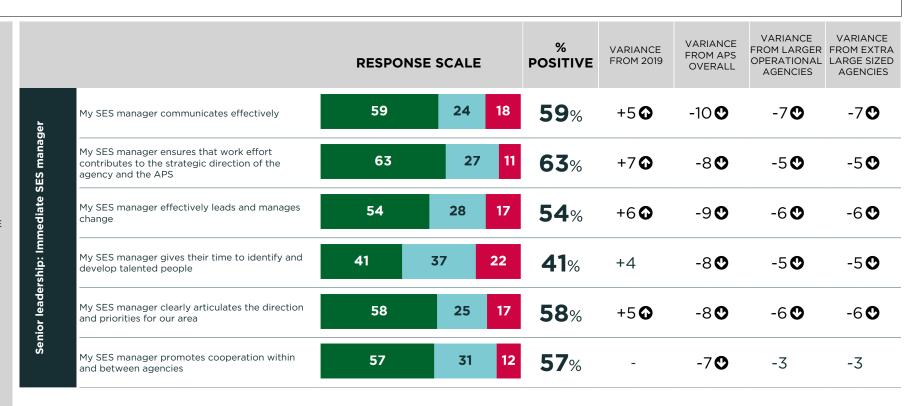
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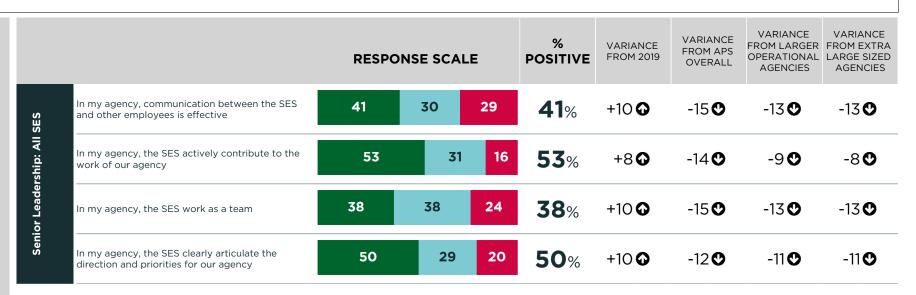
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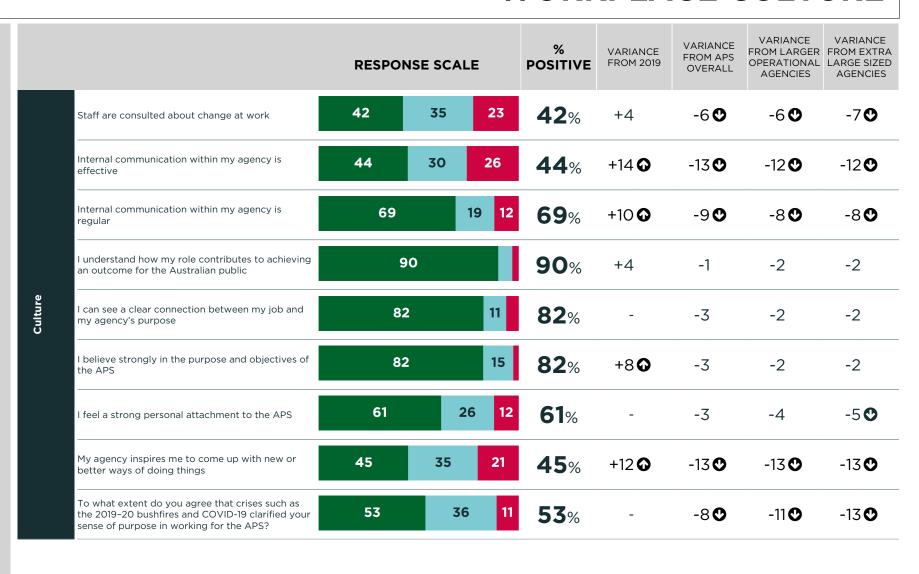
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# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

EMPLOYEES WHO HAD PERCEIVED DISCRIMINATION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT WERE ASKED WHAT THE BASIS WAS FOR THE DISCRIMINATION. EMPLOYEES COULD SELECT ONE OR MORE RESPONSES FROM A LIST OF ITEMS.

ONLY THE THREE TYPES OF DISCRIMINATION WITH THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF RESPONSES ARE PRESENTED HERE. THESE MAY VARY BETWEEN AGENCIES, WORK UNITS AND WITH RESULTS FOR THE APS OVERALL.

Discrimination	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
During the last 12 months and in the course of discrimination on the basis of your background						
Yes		15%	-2	+3	+2	+2
No		<b>85</b> %	+2	-3	-2	-2
Did this discrimination occur in your current ag	gency?					
Yes		94%	-2	+2	+1	+1
No		6%	+2	-2	-1	-1
Basis for the discrimination that you experience	ed (3 highest responses):					
Gender		<b>37</b> %	-	-	-	-
Age		<b>29</b> %	-	-	-	-
Caring responsibilities		23%	_	-	-	-

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# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

EMPLOYEES WHO PERCEIVED HARASSMENT OR BULLYING IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS WERE ASKED WHAT TYPE OF HARASSMENT OR BULLYING THEY EXPERIENCED AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. EMPLOYEES COULD SELECT ONE OR MORE RESPONSES FROM A LIST OF ITEMS.

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Bullying and harassment	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to workplace?	harassment or bullying in your current					
Yes		15%	-2	+3	+2	+2
No		<b>78</b> %	+2	-4	-2	-2
Not Sure		8%	0	+1	0	0
Types of harassment or bullying experienced (3 higher	st responses):					
Verbal abuse (e.g. offensive language, derogatory remarks, shouting or screaming)		48%	-	-	-	-
Interference with work tasks (e.g. withholding needed information, undermining or sabotage)		46%	-	-	-	-
Inappropriate and unfair application of work policies or rules (e.g. performance management, access to leave, access to learning and development)		<b>39</b> %	-	-	-	-

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#### **EXPLORE** THE FULL **RESULTS**

EMPLOYEES WHO INDICATED THAT THEY HAD WITNESSED POTENTIAL CORRUPT BEHAVIOUR WERE ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE BEHAVIOUR. EMPLOYEES COULD SELECT ONE OR MORE RESPONSES FROM A LIST OF ITEMS.

ONLY THE THREE TYPES OF CORRUPT BEHAVIOURS WITH THE HIGHEST PROPORTION OF RESPONSES ARE PRESENTED HERE. THESE MAY VARY BETWEEN AGENCIES AND WITH RESULTS FOR THE APS OVERALL.

Corruption	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
Excluding behaviour reported to you as part of your do witnessed another APS employee in your agency enga may be serious enough to be viewed as corruption?						
Yes		<b>4</b> %	-2	0	0	0
No		89%	+3	-1	0	0
Not sure		<b>5</b> %	-1	+1	0	0
Would prefer not to answer		2%	-1	0	0	0
Types of corrupt behaviours witnessed (3 highest resp	onses):					
Cronyism-preferential treatment of friends, such as appointing them to positions without proper regard to merit		66%	-	-	-	-
Acting (or failing to act) in the presence of an undisclosed conflict of interest		<b>27</b> %	-	-	-	-
Nepotism-preferential treatment of family members, such as appointing them to positions without proper regard to merit		<b>27</b> %	-	-	-	-

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#### **INCLUSION AND WELLBEING**



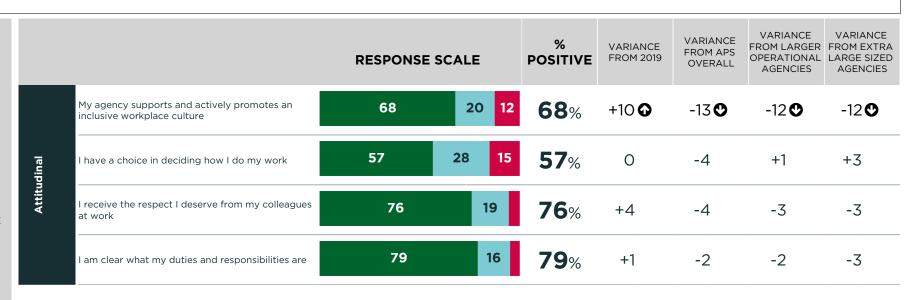
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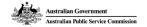


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### **INCLUSION AND WELLBEING**

•		RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
EXPLORE	To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?						
THE FULL RESULTS	To a very large extent		<b>7</b> %	-	-1	-2	-2
	To a large extent		21%	-	-1	-2	-2
	Somewhat		41%	-	+2	+2	+1
	To a small extent		<b>22</b> %	-	+1	+2	+2
	To a very small extent		10%	-	Ο	+1	+1
	I feel burned out by my work.						
	Strongly agree		9%	-	-1	-1	0
	Agree		<b>25</b> %	-	-1	-1	-1
	Neither agree nor disagree		<b>35</b> %	-	+1	0	0
	Disagree		<b>25</b> %	-	+1	+1	+1
	Strongly disagree		<b>5</b> %	-	0	0	0
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### **INCLUSION AND WELLBEING**



# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

RESPO	NSE SCALE %	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA LARGE SIZED AGENCIES
Has there been a change in your general health and wellbeing sin 2020)?	ce COVID-19 (27 February				
Very positive change	5%	-	+1	0	+1
Positive change	<b>17</b> %	-	0	0	+1
No change	49%	-	+2	+1	0
Negative change	26%	-	-3	-1	-1
Very negative change	<b>3</b> %	_	0	0	0

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### WELLBEING INDEX



#### WELLBEING

THE WELLBEING SCORE PROVIDES A MEASURE OF WELLBEING FOR EMPLOYEES WITHIN AN ORGANISATION. IT MEASURES BOTH THE PRACTICAL AND **CULTURAL ELEMENTS** THAT ALLOW FOR A SUSTAINABLE AND **HEALTHY WORKING** ENVIRONMENT.

**HIGH LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT WILL NOT BE SUSTAINABLE AND WILL LEAD TO BURN OUT** WITHOUT **RECIPROCALLY** STRONG LEVELS OF WELLBEING.

+	YOUR WELLBEING INDEX SCORE	RESPONS	E SCALE	% POSITIVE	VARIANCE FROM 2019 +6 🏠	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL -5 ♥	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA LARGE SIZED AGENCIES
Wellbeing	I am satisfied with the policies/practices in place to help me manage my health and wellbeing	63	23 14	63%	+90	-9 <b>0</b>	-8 🔮	-9 <b>O</b>
	My agency does a good job of communicating what it can offer me in terms of health and wellbeing	64	23 13	64%	+16 🐼	-80	-7 <b>•</b>	-7 <b>•</b>
	My agency does a good job of promoting health and wellbeing	60	25 15	60%	+14 🕥	-9 <b>0</b>	-9 <b>O</b>	-9 <b>•</b>
	I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing	49	28 23	49%	+10 🕥	-13 ♥	-12 ♥	-11 👁
	I believe my immediate supervisor cares about my health and wellbeing	80	12 7	80%	+4	-3	-2	-2

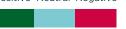
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#### **WORKPLACE CONDITIONS**



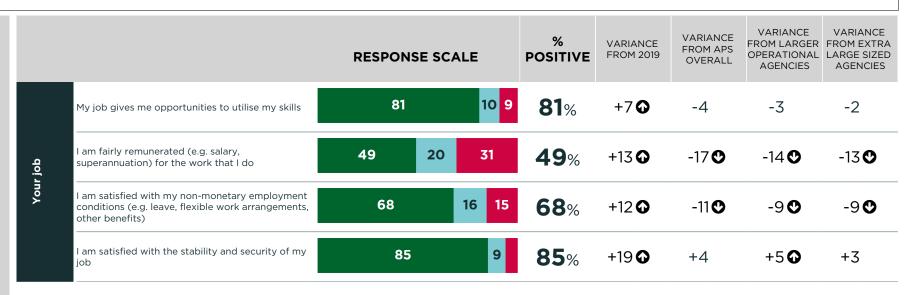
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### **WORKGROUP PERFORMANCE**



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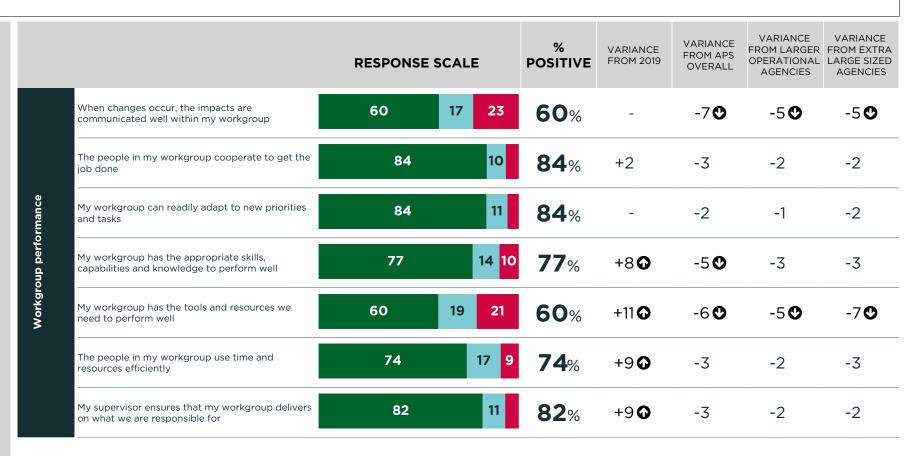
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### PRODUCTIVITY AND WAYS OF WORKING

•	R	ESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM LARGER OPERATIONAL AGENCIES	
EXPLORE	How has your productivity changed since COVID-19 (Since	e 27 February 2020)?					
THE FULL RESULTS	Significantly improved		12%	-	0	-1	0
	Improved		<b>33</b> %	-	-4	-3	-2
	No change		40%	-	-1	-1	-2
	Reduced		11%	-	+3	+3	+3
	Significantly reduced		<b>4</b> %	-	+2	+2	+2
	What best describes your current workload?						
	Well above capacity - too much work		18%	-	-1	0	+2
	Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		<b>36</b> %	-	-3	-2	-1
	At capacity – about the right amount of work to do		<b>31</b> %	-	-1	-3	-4
	Slightly below capacity - available for more work		10%	-	+3	+2	+2
	Below capacity - not enough work		<b>4</b> %	-	+2	+2	+2
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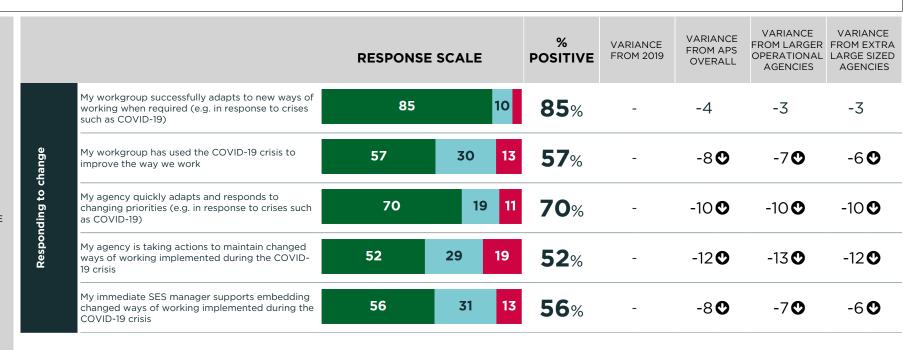
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### TIME TO TAKE ACTION

<b></b>	CELEBRATE
What things do we do well?	
THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN BUILD ON OUR ST WHAT WE ARE GOOD AT.	RENGTHS AND LEARN FROM

Q	INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH OUR TEAMS
	y other opportunities coming out s that we want to explore further?

HOW COULD WE INVESTIGATE? THROUGH LOOKING AT THE DATA IN MORE

DETAIL OR THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF?

<u>~</u>	OPPORTUNITIES
Areas we need plans:	to focus on and turn into action
WHAT ARE THE KEY THII HERE BETTER?	NGS WE NEED TO IMPROVE TO MAKE WORKING



# USE THIS PAGE TO START YOUR LOCAL ACTION PLANS

IDENTIFY AREAS TO CELEBRATE, OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AND AREAS WHICH YOU NEED TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER.

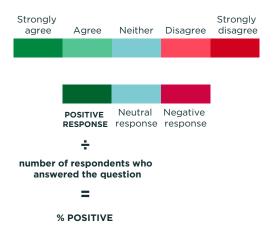
PRIORITISE 3 AREAS TO TAKE FORWARD

	PRIORITISE 3 AREAS FOR ACTION	TIMESCALES	OWNER	RESOURCES REQUIRED	TARGET/SUCCESS MEASURE
1					
2					
3					

#### **GUIDE TO THIS REPORT**

#### % POSITIVE

WHERE RESULTS ARE SHOWN AS POSITIVE PERCENTAGES (% POSITIVE), THESE ARE CALCULATED BY ADDING TOGETHER POSITIVE RESPONSES ("STRONGLY AGREE" + "AGREE") AND DIVIDING BY THE NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO ANSWERED THE QUESTION.



#### **ROUNDING**

RESULTS ARE PRESENTED AS WHOLE NUMBERS FOR EASE OF READING, WITH ROUNDING PERFORMED AT THE LAST STAGE OF CALCULATION FOR MAXIMUM ACCURACY. VALUES FROM X.00 TO X.49 ARE ROUNDED DOWN AND VALUES FROM X.50 TO X.99 ARE ROUNDED UP. THEREFORE IN SOME INSTANCES, RESULTS MAY NOT TOTAL 100%.

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEITHER	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
NUMBER OF RESPONSES	151	166	176	96	24	613
PERCENTAGE	24.63%	27.08%	28.71%	15.66%	3.92%	100%
ROUNDED PERCENTAGE	25%	27%	29%	16%	4%	101%
NUMBER OF POSITIVE	151 + 166	= 317				
% POSITIVE	317 ÷ 613	= 52%				

#### **ANONYMITY**

IT IS ENGINE'S PRACTICE NOT TO DISPLAY THE RESULTS OF GROUPS OF RESPONDENTS TO THE EXTENT WHERE THE ANONYMITY OF INDIVIDUALS MAY BE COMPROMISED. RESULTS WILL NOT BE SHOWN WHERE THERE ARE LESS THAN 10 RESPONDENTS IN A GROUP.

# COMPARISONS WITH RESULTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

THE METHOD OF ANALYSING AND REPORTING SPECIFIC RESULTS MAY BE PERIODICALLY REVIEWED AND REVISED. SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE APPLIED TO CURRENT DATA AND THAT OF PREVIOUS YEARS. FOR THIS REASON THE CURRENT REPORT IS ALWAYS THE MOST ACCURATE DATA SOURCE FOR APS EMPLOYEE CENSUS RESULTS, INCLUDING COMPARISONS WITH TIME SERIES DATA.

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