PEOPLE MATTER 2016

NSW Public Sector Employee Survey

Employee Survey

Premier and Cabinet

Natural Resources Commission



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NOTE: Profile of Respondents and Demographic Results are not included where there are less than 50 respondents.

HEADLINES

RESPONSE RATE

90%

18 RESPONSES
OUT OF 20 EMPLOYEES

ENGAGEMENT INDEX

63%

PMES 2016 SECTOR SCORE **65%**

PMES 2014 SECTOR SCORE **65%**

PMES 2016 CLUSTER SCORE **70%**

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ENGAGEMENT

Engaged employees have a sense of personal attachment to their work and organisation; they are motivated and able to give their best to help the organisation succeed.

The complete list of questions which are used to calculate the Engagement Index are listed in the All Questions pages.

RESPONSE RATE

Due to the size of the NSW public sector, even comparatively low levels of response to People Matter can be statistically representative and an accurate reflection of perceptions. Any parts of the sector where the response rate is too low for data to be fully reliable have been flagged in reports.

Some entities exceeded 100% where responses were greater than the employee headcount.

QUESTION HEADLINES

HIGHEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS



8d.	Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	100%
8i.	Diversity and inclusion in the workplace can contribute to better business outcomes	100%
1b.	I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	94%
2i.	People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	94%
3b.	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	94%
3c.	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	94%
7c.	My organisation strives to earn and sustain a high level of public trust	94%
7d.	My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	94%
7k.	My organisation offers practical employment arrangements and conditions to help employees achieve a work-life balance	94%
1h.	I look for ways to perform my job more effectively	89%

LOWEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS



5n.	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	33%
3j.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	39%
6b.	I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	39%
6h.	I feel that senior managers listen to employees	39%
6c.	I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	44%
1j.	I am satisfied with my job at the present time	50%
2b.	People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	50%
70.	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	50%
7q.	I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	50%
9b.	I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	50%



YOUR PEOPLE MATTER QUESTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE

These are your highest and lowest scoring questions from the survey, based on respondents who have selected 'Strongly Agree' and 'Agree'.



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ENGAGEMENT	63% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PMES 2014	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q7o. I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	17 33 22 17 11	50%	58%	69%	60%
Q7p. I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	33 28 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	61%	67%	80%	68%
Q7q. I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	44 28 11 11	50%	42%	66%	64%
Q7r. My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	28 28 <mark>17 22</mark>	56%	67%	61%	55%
Q7s. My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	33 22 <mark>11 33</mark>	56%	75%	61%	55%



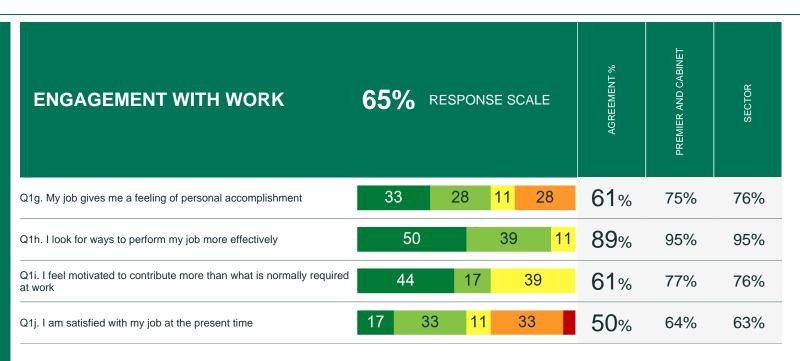


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SENIOR MANAGERS	60% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	61 11 11 11	67%	55%	47%
Q6b. I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	33 <mark>11 39 11</mark>	39%	51%	43%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	39 17 17 22	44%	57%	48%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	39 33 22	72%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	33 56 <u>11</u>	89%	61%	52%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	33 44 17	78%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	17 39 33	56%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	33 33 22	39%	50%	39%
Q7f. I feel that change is handled well in my organisation	28 33 17 22	61%	46%	41%





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COMMUNICATION	63%	RESPONS	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5e. My manager communicates effectively with me	28	39	11 11 11	67%	73%	69%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	28	39	17 11	67%	75%	69%
Q5g. My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	24	47	12 12	71%	69%	64%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	17	39	33	56%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	33	33	22	39%	50%	39%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	17	61	11	78%	76%	69%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	76% RESPONSE SCALE			AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR	
Q1a. I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	22	56		17	78%	87%	90%
Q1b. I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	39		56		94%	74%	70%
Q1c. I get the information I need to do my job well	22	39	2	22 17	61%	69%	67%
Q1d. I feel I make a contribution to achieving the organisation's objectives	28		61		89%	86%	86%
Q1e. I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	39	3	33	17	72%	74%	69%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	11	39	17	28	50%	72%	70%
Q2c. My team works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	22	56		17	78%	80%	75%
Q2d. People in my workgroup have the appropriate skills to do the job well	17	61		17	78%	79%	76%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	17	50		28	67%	58%	63%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	76%	RESPONS	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	28	61	11	89%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	22	56	11 11	78%	64%	64%
Q5c. My manager assigns work to people in my workgroup based on their skills and expertise	11	56	11 22	67%	70%	65%
Q5j. I have confidence in the decisions my line manager makes	11	56	17 11	67%	74%	67%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	39	33	22	72%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	33	56	S 11	89%	61%	52%
Q7d. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	(61	33	94%	80%	76%
Q7e. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	39	33	17 11	72%	67%	62%
Q7g. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	17	39	22 17	56%	55%	48%



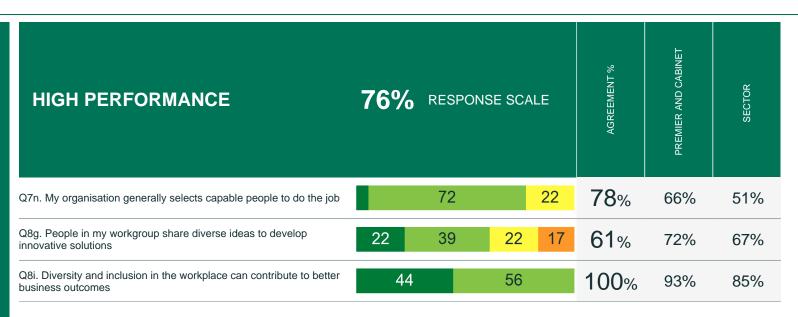


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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	72% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	50 33 <mark>11</mark>	83%	89%	85%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	11 39 17 28	50%	72%	70%
Q2g. People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	17 44 22 11	61%	76%	67%
Q2h. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	17 44 11 22	61%	80%	72%
Q2i. People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	39 56	94%	90%	86%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	28 61 11	89%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	22 56 11 11	78%	64%	64%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	28 50 11	78%	78%	73%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	28 50 17	78%	73%	64%





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Q5k. My manager treats employees with dignity and respect	50 11	11 11 67%	82%	76%
Q5I. My manager talks to me about how the values apply to my work	50 17	22 56%	60%	58%
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	61 <u>11</u>	11 11 67%	55%	47%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	17 17	22 44%	57%	48%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	44	17 7 8%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	39 33	56%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees 33	33	22 39%	50%	39%
Q7a. My organisation provides high quality services 50	39	11 89%	87%	80%
Q7b. My organisation strives to match services to customer/client needs	61 28	89%	86%	80%



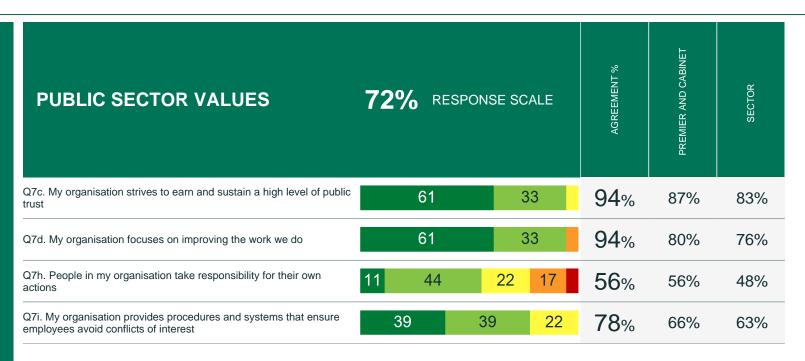


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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	74%	RESPONS	SE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	28	28	28 11	56%	63%	59%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	28	50	11	78%	78%	73%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	28	39	17 11	67%	75%	69%
Q5h. My manager takes into account the differing needs and circumstances of employees when making decisions	11	67	1	78%	72%	65%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	28	50	17	78%	73%	64%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation genuinely support the career advancement of women	22	39	17 22	61%	61%	54%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	28	56		1 83%	79%	75%
Q8g. People in my workgroup share diverse ideas to develop innovative solutions	22	39	22 1	61%	72%	67%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	17	61	11	78%	76%	69%



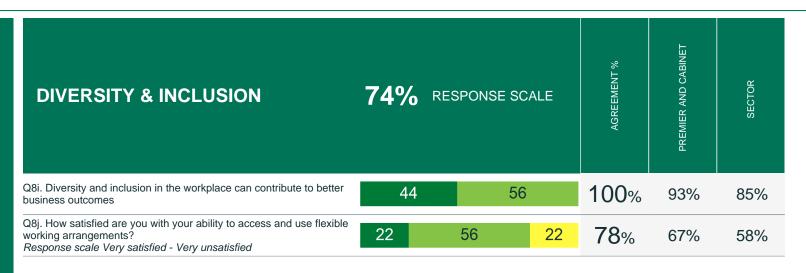


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RECRUITMENT	69%	, RESPON	NSE SCAI	LE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q7I. My organisation's processes for recruiting employees are efficient	11	61	17	7 11	72%	39%	33%
Q7m. Recruitment and promotion decisions in this organisation are generally fair	11	44	28	17	56%	50%	41%
Q7n. My organisation generally selects capable people to do the job		72		22	78%	66%	51%



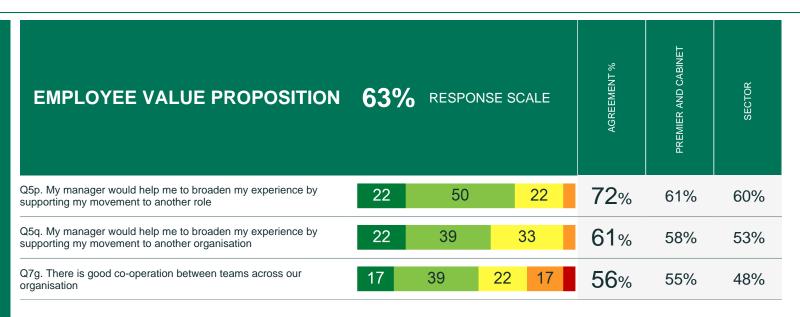


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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	74% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3a. I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	28 56 <mark>11</mark>	83%	60%	62%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	28 67	94%	73%	70%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	33 61	94%	64%	58%
Q3d. In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	22 56 11	78%	64%	59%
Q3e. My performance is assessed against clear criteria	17 50 11 11 11	67%	56%	53%
Q3f. I feel I can have open, honest conversations with my manager about the quality of work required	33 44 <mark>11</mark>	78%	77%	71%
Q3g. I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities as required	22 44 28	67%	57%	60%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	17 50 28	67%	58%	63%
Q3i. I have a strong desire to advance my career	44 44 <u>11</u>	89%	80%	69%







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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	74%	RESPONSE	SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3j. I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	17 22	28	22 11	39%	39%	45%
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	28	56	11	83%	53%	41%
Q5m. My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	28	61		89%	75%	67%
Q5n. My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	11 22	33	22 11	33%	42%	44%
Q5o. My manager ensures fair access to developmental opportunities for people in my workgroup	17	61	17	78%	64%	62%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	22	50	22	72%	61%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	22	39	33	61%	58%	53%
Q7j. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	33	44	17	78%	55%	53%







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MOBILITY	72%	RESPONSE	SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	28	56	11	83%	53%	41%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	22	50	22	72%	61%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	22	39	33	61%	58%	53%



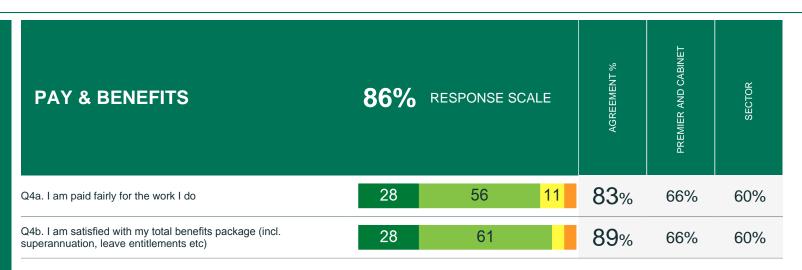


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DIVERSITY GROUPS	87%	RESPONSE SCA	ALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q8b. Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	39	50		89%	80%	77%
Q8c. Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	33	56	11	89%	72%	71%
Q8d. Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	39	61		100%	72%	67%
Q8e. Sexual orientation is not a barrier to success in my organisation	39	39	22	78%	81%	76%
Q8f. Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	33	44	17	78%	78%	74%





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WORKPLACE SUPPORT	70%	RESPOI	NSE SC/	ALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	28	28	28	11	56%	63%	59%
Q1k. I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	22	39	11	17 11	61%	66%	58%
Q1I. My workload is acceptable	22	50		22	72%	65%	55%
Q2e. I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	17	67		11	83%	82%	80%
Q2f. There is good team spirit in my workgroup	28	28	17	22	56%	73%	67%
Q7k. My organisation offers practical employment arrangements and conditions to help employees achieve a work-life balance	33		61		94%	70%	56%



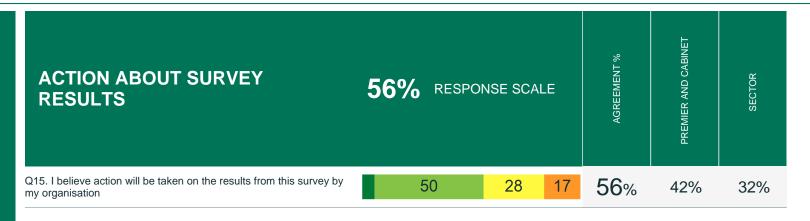


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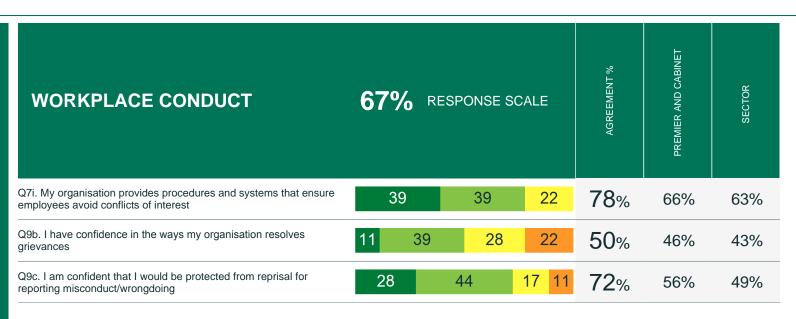


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MOTIVATION TO STAY	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW public s	sector?			
More interesting and challenging work		61%	60%	46%
Better skills in my workgroup		28%	23%	27%
Improved career opportunities		67%	63%	52%
Improved learning and development opportunities		33%	51%	50%
Greater involvement in decision making		39%	40%	33%
Better pay and benefits		50%	56%	58%
Greater recognition for the work I do		33%	37%	45%
Better leadership from senior managers		61%	37%	39%



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Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW pub	olic sector?			
Better leadership from my manager		28%	24%	27%
Better accountability for performance		28%	22%	25%
A better location		17%	14%	20%
More flexible working conditions		50%	39%	38%
Better work/life balance		33%	43%	46%
Improved facilities		6%	19%	30%
Improved technology and systems		11%	28%	38%
Better job security		17%	39%	43%



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WORKPLACE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q9a. In the last 12 months I have read or referred to my organisa	ation's code of conduct			
Yes		83%	57%	72%
No		6%	38%	24%
Don't Know		11%	5%	4%



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR				
Q10a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed misconduct/wrongd	Q10a. In the last 12 months I have witnessed misconduct/wrongdoing at work							
Yes		6%	16%	25%				
No		78%	75%	64%				
Don't Know		17%	9%	11%				
Q10b. Have you reported the misconduct/wrongdoing you witnessed in the last 12 months?								
Yes	The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.							



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q10c. In the last 12 months I have witnessed bullying at work				
Yes		50%	24%	35%
No		39%	68%	58%
Don't Know		11%	8%	7%
Q10d. In the last 12 months I have been the subjected to bullying	at work			
Yes		28%	12%	20%
No		56%	82%	75%
Don't Know		17%	6%	5%



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Q10e. Please indicate the role of the person who has been the s subjected to in the last 12 months.	ource of the most serious bullying you have been	1			
A senior manager	A senior manager The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.				
A fellow worker at your level	A fellow worker at your level The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.				
Other	The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.				

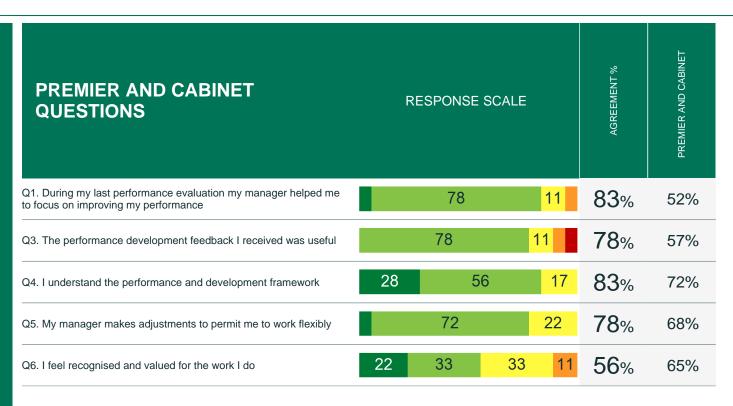


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PREMIER AND CABINET QUESTIONS	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET					
Q2. There were no surprises in the feedback I received from manager								
Yes		50%	56%					
No		50%	44%					
Q7. For my career to progress I will need to go outside of DPC	Q7. For my career to progress I will need to go outside of DPC							
Yes		71%	56%					
No		29%	44%					

TAKING ACTION

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WHAT'S NEXT?

Sector employees have now given their feedback and these results show where actions and improvements are required.

Research has shown that a key reason why employees can become disengaged is if they are asked their opinion and then no action takes place as a result. 56%

of employees replied favourably to:

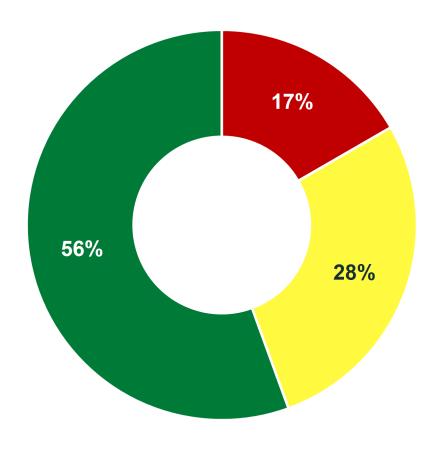
'I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation.'

32%

SECTOR

42%

CLUSTER





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ANONYMITY RULES

Responses from individual employees are confidential and strict rules are in place to safeguard privacy at every stage of the survey process.

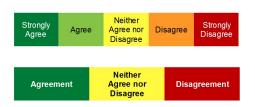
There is no way of tracing individuals in reports or through the de-identified survey data. There are limits on the size of workgroups that can be reported (10 or more employees) and responses from demographic groups (30 or more employees). Where people work in small teams, the results are merged with larger business units and results are not available. Where this happens an 'r' is shown in reports.



HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

The majority of questions have a 5-point answer scale. In reports, the Strongly Agree and Agree scores are combined to create an agreement (or positive) score which is shown as a rounded percentage.

Previous surveys had a 4-point answer scale, which means that comparisons are limited for this year only. Some scales, such as those used for the Engagement Index, are unchanged.





HOW THE DRIVERS AND INFLUENCERS ARE DERIVED

ORC International employs SPSS software to fully interrogate the results and perform appropriate calculations. Our statisticians need a minimum of **30 responses** from a team to perform the analysis to determine the top influences of engagement, leadership and other key question groups.

Statistical techniques applied for this analysis include **Factor Analysis** which identifies patterns in data and allows the statistician to assess whether the attitude questions are measuring the same underlying theme or characteristic.

Regression Analysis then involves building a statistical model based on research that employee engagement is affected by various elements of the workplace such as line manager, learning & development, reward and recognition, job role, etc. This analysis assigns importance weights to the attributes that have been measured. It relies on certain assumptions, one of which is that the variables used in the model should, by definition, not be strongly related to each other. The outcome of these techniques is a list of questions which we can say have the highest association with the engagement index, or more simply, are the most significant influencers of employee engagement



ROUNDING

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of the calculation for maximum accuracy.

Values from .00 to .49 are rounded down, whereas values from .50 to .99 are rounded up. Therefore, in some instances the data will not add up to 100%. Example below:

	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%