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NSW Public Sector Employee Survey

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

HEADLINES

RESPONSE RATE

82%

45 RESPONSES OUT OF 55 EMPLOYEES ENGAGEMENT INDEX

73%

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



7a.	My organisation provides high quality services	100%
7b.	My organisation strives to match services to customer/client needs	100%
7c.	My organisation strives to earn and sustain a high level of public trust	100%
7d.	My organisation focuses on improving the work we do	98%
1d.	I feel I make a contribution to achieving the organisation's objectives	96%
2i.	People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	93%
8i.	Diversity and inclusion in the workplace can contribute to better business outcomes	93%
2a.	My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	91%
1h.	I look for ways to perform my job more effectively	89%
1a.	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	89%

LOWEST AGREEMENT SCORING QUESTIONS



5q.	My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	26%
5p.	My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	30%
5n.	My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	33%
6g.	I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	38%
5g.	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	39%
15.	I believe action will be taken on the results from this survey by my organisation	39%
3c.	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	43%
9b.	I have confidence in the ways my organisation resolves grievances	43%
3j.	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	45%
5l.	My manager talks tome about how the values apply to my work	47%



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	73%	RESPONSE	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PMES 2014	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q7o. I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	32	34	27	66%	74%	69%	60%
Q7p. I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	43	30	25	73%	74%	80%	68%
Q7q. I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	39	25	30	64%	69%	66%	64%
Q7r. My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	32	25	34	57%	65%	61%	55%
Q7s. My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	30	32	30	61%	71%	61%	55%



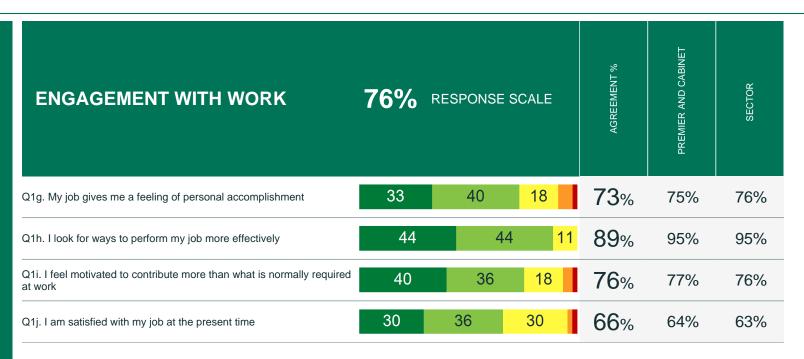


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SENIOR MANAGERS	54% RESI	PONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	23 32	27 11	55%	55%	47%
Q6b. I feel that senior leaders effectively lead and manage change	23 35	26 9	58%	51%	43%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	25 36	32	61%	57%	48%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	13 40	33 9	53%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	20 38	33	58%	61%	52%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	18 42	33	60%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	13 24	27 29	38%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	18 29	31 20	47%	50%	39%
Q7f. I feel that change is handled well in my organisation	22 33	24 20	56%	46%	41%







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COMMUNICATION 49% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5e. My manager communicates effectively with me 27 34 23 11	61%	73%	69%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input 27 34 27 9	61%	75%	69%
Q5g. My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work 20 18 39 18	39%	69%	64%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	38%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees 18 29 31 20	47%	50%	39%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager 30 20 39 9	50%	76%	69%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	73%	RESPONSI	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1a. I understand what is expected of me to do well in my role	51		38 9	89%	87%	90%
Q1b. I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	45	4	11 9	86%	74%	70%
Q1c. I get the information I need to do my job well	29	47	22	76%	69%	67%
Q1d. I feel I make a contribution to achieving the organisation's objectives	51		44	96%	86%	86%
Q1e. I feel I am able to suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	33	31	20 13	64%	74%	69%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	20	49	27	69%	72%	70%
Q2c. My team works collaboratively to achieve its objectives	24	51	18	76%	80%	75%
Q2d. People in my workgroup have the appropriate skills to do the job well	31	58	9	89%	79%	76%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	27	36	25	64%	58%	63%





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HIGH PERFORMANCE	73%	RESPO	ONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	25	45	25	70%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	18	36	27 16	55%	64%	64%
Q5c. My manager assigns work to people in my workgroup based on their skills and expertise	23	41	25	64%	70%	65%
Q5j. I have confidence in the decisions my line manager makes	25	41	27	66%	74%	67%
Q6d. Senior managers encourage innovation by employees	13	40	33 9	53%	52%	49%
Q6e. Senior managers promote collaboration between my organisation and others we work with	20	38	33	58%	61%	52%
Q7d. My organisation focuses on improving the work we do		60	38	98%	80%	76%
Q7e. My organisation is making the necessary improvements to meet our future challenges	36		49 16	84%	67%	62%
Q7g. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	20	40	24 13	60%	55%	48%



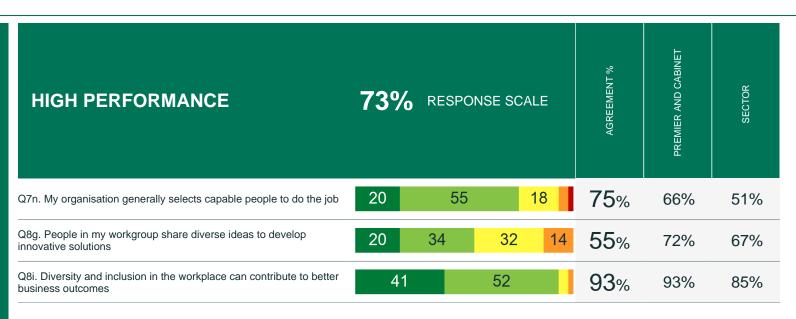


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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q2a. My workgroup strives to achieve customer/client satisfaction	42 49	91%	89%	85%
Q2b. People in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently	20 49 27	69%	72%	70%
Q2g. People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	24 42 18 13	67%	76%	67%
Q2h. People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	29 44 18	73%	80%	72%
Q2i. People in my workgroup treat customers/clients with respect	42 51	93%	90%	86%
Q5a. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to improve the quality of what they do	25 45 <u>25</u>	70%	77%	72%
Q5b. My manager encourages people in my workgroup to review policies and programs to see if they are achieving their aims	18 36 <u>27</u> 16	55%	64%	64%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	28 35 23 12	63%	78%	73%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	30 32 32	61%	73%	64%







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PUBLIC SECTOR VALUES	71% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5k. My manager treats employees with dignity and respect	30 43 18	73%	82%	76%
Q5I. My manager talks to me about how the values apply to my work	16 30 23 26	47%	60%	58%
Q6a. I believe senior managers provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	23 32 27 11	55%	55%	47%
Q6c. I feel that senior managers model the values of my organisation	25 36 32	61%	57%	48%
Q6f. Senior managers communicate the importance of customers in achieving our business objectives	18 42 33	60%	65%	60%
Q6g. I feel that senior managers keep employees informed about what's going on	13 24 27 29	38%	53%	44%
Q6h. I feel that senior managers listen to employees	18 29 31 20	47%	50%	39%
Q7a. My organisation provides high quality services	69 31	100%	87%	80%
Q7b. My organisation strives to match services to customer/client needs	58 42	100%	86%	80%



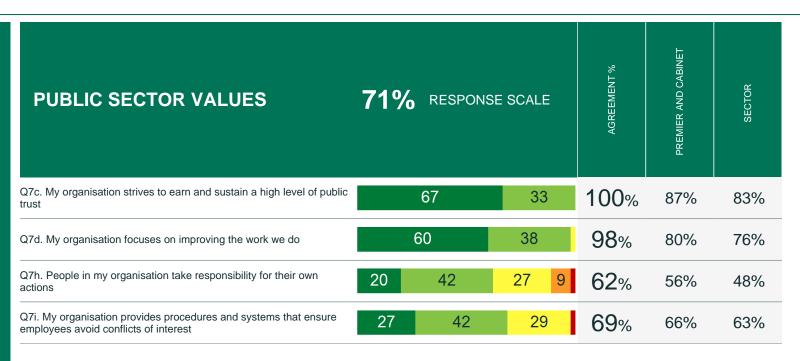


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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION	66%	RESPON:	SE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	33	31	24 9	64%	63%	59%
Q5d. My manager listens to what I have to say	28	35	23 12	63%	78%	73%
Q5f. My manager encourages and values employee input	27	34	27 9	61%	75%	69%
Q5h. My manager takes into account the differing needs and circumstances of employees when making decisions	25	30	36	55%	72%	65%
Q5i. My manager would take appropriate action if decision-making processes were found to be biased	30	32	32	61%	73%	64%
Q6i. Senior managers in my organisation genuinely support the career advancement of women	36	44	13	80%	61%	54%
Q8a. My organisation respects individual differences (e.g cultures, working styles, backgrounds, ideas)	23	50	18	73%	79%	75%
Q8g. People in my workgroup share diverse ideas to develop innovative solutions	20	34	32 14	55%	72%	67%
Q8h. I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager	30	20	39 9	50%	76%	69%



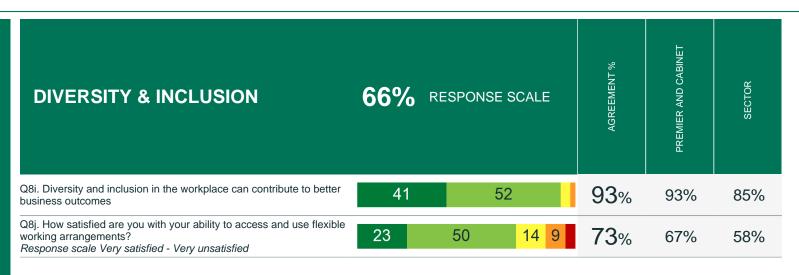


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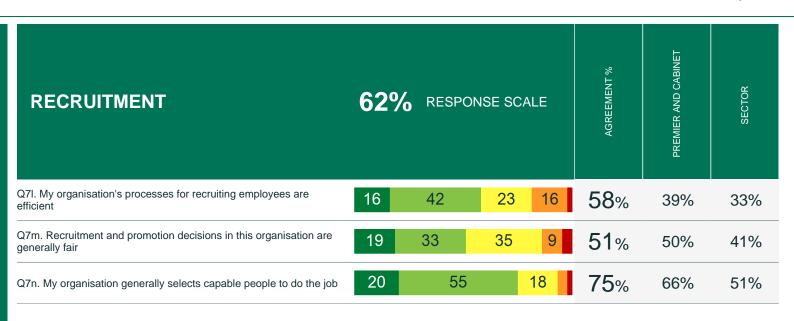


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EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION	39%	RESPONS	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	9 21	47	12 12	30%	61%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	19	51	14 9	26%	58%	53%
Q7g. There is good co-operation between teams across our organisation	20	40	24 13	60%	55%	48%





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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	52% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3a. I have a current performance plan that sets out my individual objectives	23 41 16 16	64%	60%	62%
Q3b. I have informal feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	30 32 16 16	61%	73%	70%
Q3c. I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager throughout the year	16 27 27 20 9	43%	64%	58%
Q3d. In the last 12 months I received useful feedback on my work to enable me to deliver required results	20 34 23 14 9	55%	64%	59%
Q3e. My performance is assessed against clear criteria	16 43 25 9	59%	56%	53%
Q3f. I feel I can have open, honest conversations with my manager about the quality of work required	34 34 20	68%	77%	71%
Q3g. I am able to access the right learning and development opportunities as required	18 36 30 14	55%	57%	60%
Q3h. I have received appropriate training and development to do my job well	27 36 25	64%	58%	63%
Q3i. I have a strong desire to advance my career	48 32 20	80%	80%	69%







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PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK & DEVELOPMENT	52% RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3j. I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development in my organisation	18 27 18 25 11	45%	39%	45%
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	18 30 20 20 11	48%	53%	41%
Q5m. My manager provides acknowledgement or other recognition for the work I do	20 34 32 9	55%	75%	67%
Q5n. My manager appropriately deals with employees who perform poorly	9 23 37 21 9	33%	42%	44%
Q5o. My manager ensures fair access to developmental opportunities for people in my workgroup	16 33 30 16	49%	64%	62%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	9 21 47 12 12	30%	61%	60%
Q5q. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another organisation	19 51 14 9	26%	58%	53%
Q7j. My organisation is committed to developing its employees	18 36 33 11	53%	55%	53%







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MOBILITY	35% RE	ESPONSE	SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q3k. I would like to work in another agency within the NSW Public Sector during my career	18 30	20	20 11	48%	53%	41%
Q5p. My manager would help me to broaden my experience by supporting my movement to another role	9 21	47	12 12	30%	61%	60%
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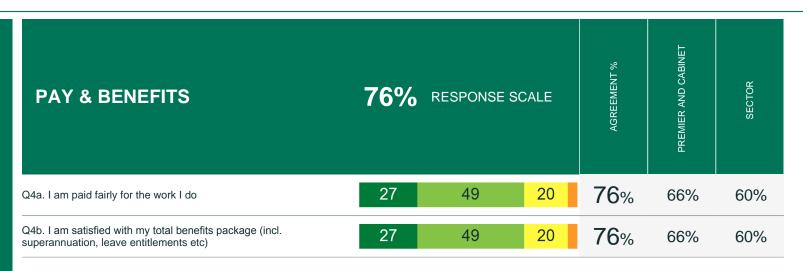


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DIVERSITY GROUPS	77%	RESPONSE S	SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q8b. Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	30	45	18	75%	80%	77%
Q8c. Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	34	45	11	80%	72%	71%
Q8d. Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	32	39	25	70%	72%	67%
Q8e. Sexual orientation is not a barrier to success in my organisation	34	45	16	80%	81%	76%
Q8f. Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	34	45	11	80%	78%	74%





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WORKPLACE SUPPORT	72 %	RESPONSE	E SCALE	AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q1f. I am provided with the support I need to optimise my contribution at work	33	31	24 9	64%	63%	59%
Q1k. I am able to keep my work stress at an acceptable level	18	51	18 11	69%	66%	58%
Q1I. My workload is acceptable	22	53	11 11	76%	65%	55%
Q2e. I receive help and support from other members of my workgroup	36	47	11	82%	82%	80%
Q2f. There is good team spirit in my workgroup	22	38	20 18	60%	73%	67%
Q7k. My organisation offers practical employment arrangements and conditions to help employees achieve a work-life balance	25	55	9	80%	70%	56%





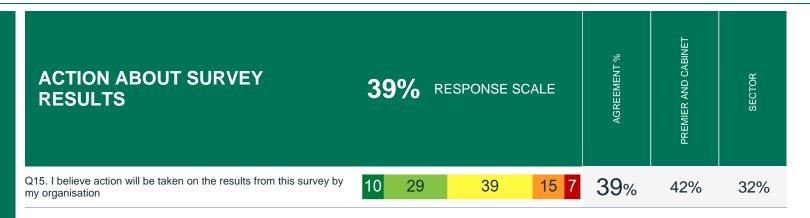


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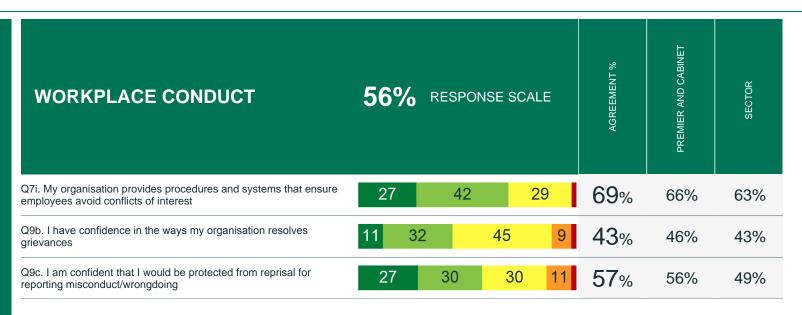


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MOTIVATION TO STAY	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR
Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW public see	ctor?			
More interesting and challenging work		64%	60%	46%
Better skills in my workgroup		12%	23%	27%
Improved career opportunities		64%	63%	52%
Improved learning and development opportunities		50%	51%	50%
Greater involvement in decision making		36%	40%	33%
Better pay and benefits		62%	56%	58%
Greater recognition for the work I do		45%	37%	45%
Better leadership from senior managers		29%	37%	39%



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Q13. What factors would motivate you to stay in the NSW publi	ic sector?			
Better leadership from my manager		19%	24%	27%
Better accountability for performance		19%	22%	25%
A better location		12%	14%	20%
More flexible working conditions		43%	39%	38%
Better work/life balance		40%	43%	46%
Improved facilities		14%	19%	30%
Improved technology and systems		12%	28%	38%
Better job security		33%	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		55%	57%	72%
No		43%	38%	24%
Don't Know		2%	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/wrongdoing at work							
Yes		9%	16%	25%			
No		80%	75%	64%			
Don't Know		11%	9%	11%			
Q10b. Have you reported the misconduct/wrongdoing you witness	sed in the last 12 months?						
Yes	Yes The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.						
No	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		23%	24%	35%
No		64%	68%	58%
Don't Know		14%	8%	7%
Q10d. In the last 12 months I have been the subjected to bullying a	at work			
Yes		9%	12%	20%
No		82%	82%	75%
Don't Know		9%	6%	5%



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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT	RESPONSE SCALE	AGREEMENT%	PREMIER AND CABINET	SECTOR			
Q10e. Please indicate the role of the person who has been the subjected to in the last 12 months.	ource of the most serious bullying you have been						
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.						
Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say The data for this question has been hidden for anonymity reasons.						



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This section shows results for all the survey questions grouped by key themes.

Graphs show the proportion of respondents answering positively (Strongly Agree and Agree), negatively (Strongly Disagree and Disagree) or those with a neutral response.

PREMIER AND CABINET QUESTIONS		RESF	PONSE	SCALE		AGREEMENT %	PREMIER AND CABINET
Q1. During my last performance evaluation my manager helped me to focus on improving my performance	10	30		53		40%	52%
Q3. The performance development feedback I received was useful	10	41		37	7	51%	57%
Q4. I understand the performance and development framework	22		49	17	7	71%	72%
Q5. My manager makes adjustments to permit me to work flexibly	24		45	19	7	69%	68%
Q6. I feel recognised and valued for the work I do	21		38	26	10	60%	65%







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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		72%	56%
No		28%	44%
Q7. For my career to progress I will need to go outside of DPC			
Yes		38%	56%
No		62%	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. 39%

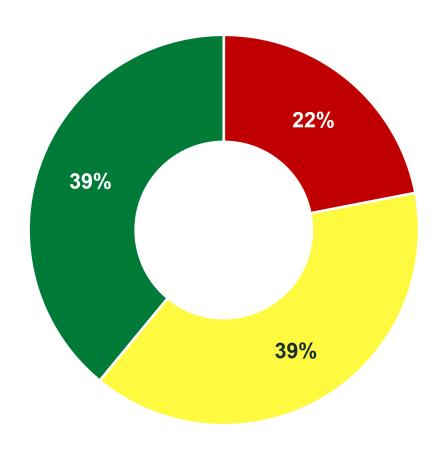
of employees replied favourably to:

'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.

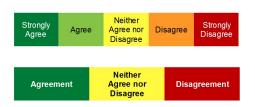
There is no way of tracing individuals in reports or through the de-identified survey data. There are limits on the size of workgroups that can be reported (10 or more employees) and responses from demographic groups (30 or more employees). Where people work in small teams, the results are merged with 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%