

As CEO, I welcome the opportunity the APS Staff Census provides us to further innovate and improve, supporting a stronger organisational culture at TEQSA.

This is the second year we have voluntarily participated in the public release of our APS Staff Census results.

We have done this to increase the transparency and accountability of people management in our agency, improve our capacity to acknowledge and respond to employees' feedback and contribute to building a stronger culture of acting on results.

Like all organisations, the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on TEQSA and our staff during 2020.

I'm proud of how our people rapidly adjusted to new ways of working and were effective in refocusing our agency's activities in response to the pandemic.

Based on this year's census findings, our areas of focus for growing and evolving our culture over the coming year are:

- Leadership
- Staff wellbeing
- Internal engagement

I again thank our staff for participating in the census, and supporting TEQSA's commitment to fostering a working environment where everyone can contribute their talents and skills.

### Alistair Maclean Chief Executive Officer Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency





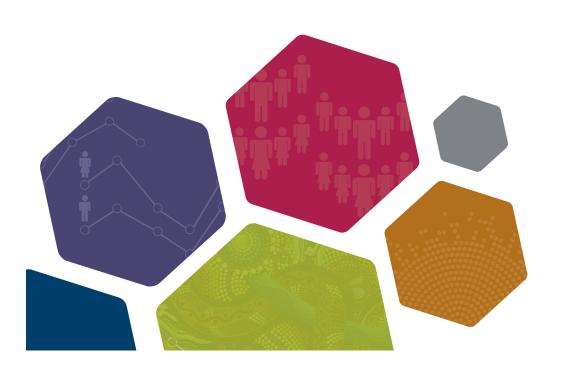


### Australian Public Service **Employee Census 2020**

12 October-13 November



# Highlights Report **TEQSA**



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RESPONSES:
92 of 99
RESPONSE RATE:
93%



#### 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.



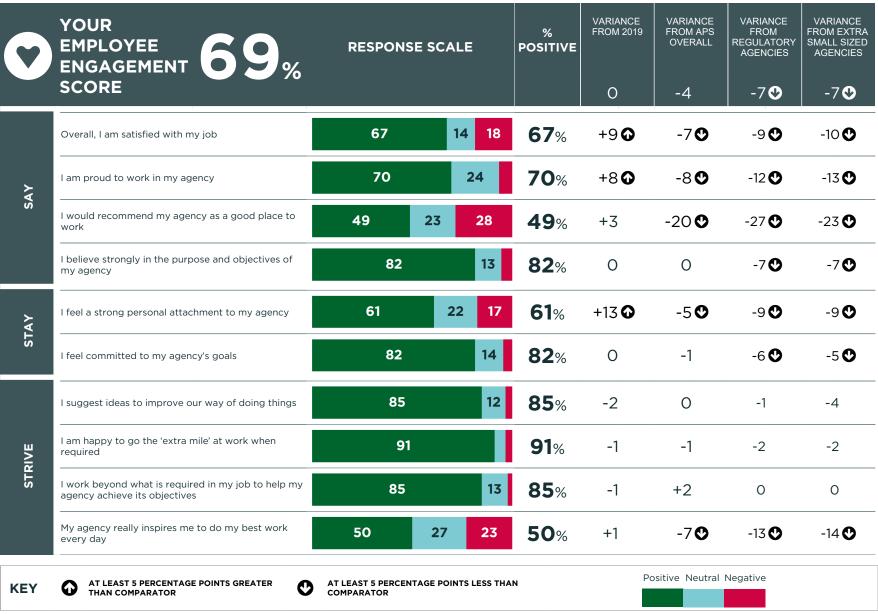
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#### **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT: SAY, STAY, STRIVE**



#### 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**

# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES
What is your gender?						
Male		<b>33</b> %	+5 <b>0</b>	-4	-5♥	+3
Female		<b>62</b> %	0	+2	+4	-4
X (Indeterminate/Intersex/Unspecified)		0%	-	0	0	0
Prefer not to say		<b>5</b> %	-6 <b>0</b>	+2	+2	+1
Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait	Islander?					
Yes		2%	+1	-1	+1	+1
No		98%	-1	+1	-1	-1
Do you have an ongoing disability?						
Yes		8%	+1	-1	0	+2
No		92%	-1	+1	0	-2
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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 REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTR SMALL SIZE AGENCIES
o you have carer responsibilities?						
Yes		<b>35</b> %	+3	-6♥	-5♥	-6♥
No		<b>65</b> %	-3	+6 <b>₽</b>	+5 <b>♠</b>	+6♠
ince 27 February 2020, have you worked on tasks or	r activities directly related to COVID-19?					
Yes		<b>51</b> %	-	+2	+5•	+90
No		49%	-	-2	-5♥	-9♥
/hat 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)		11%	-	-11 👁	-6♥	-4
Working in a different agency on work dedicated to the COVID-19 response and related activities (e.g. APS2000 surge workforce)		2%	-	-3	-1	-4
Working on COVID-19 related work in my usual role		91%	-	+11 🚱	+4	+4
Other		9%	-	+4	+50	+6
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	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES		
Do you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and/	or Intersex (LGBTI+)?							
Yes		9%	+4	+3	+2	+2		
No		91%	+4	-3	-2	-2		
Are you currently seconded to a different agency and have been working within that agency for less than six months?								
Yes		1%	_	0	0	-2		
No		99%	-	0	0	+2		

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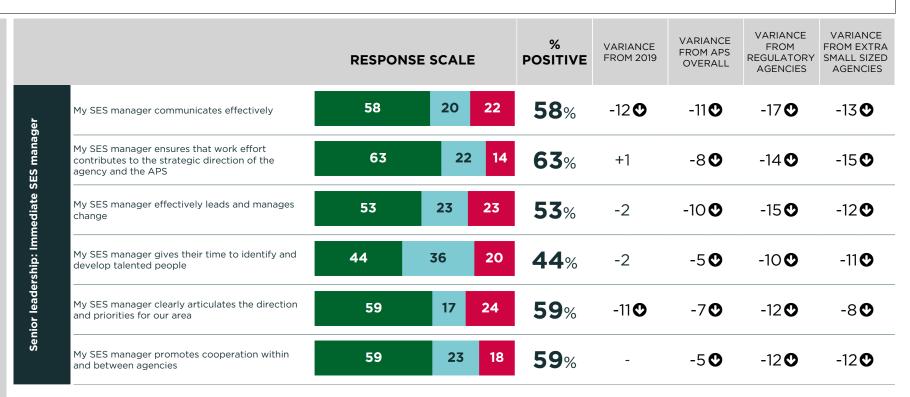
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**IS THERE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT?** 



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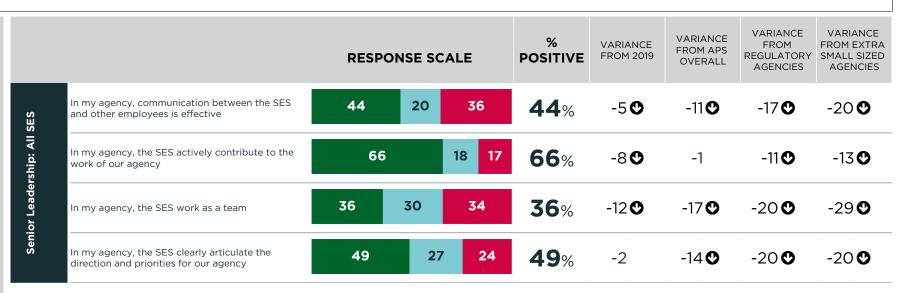
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#### IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR



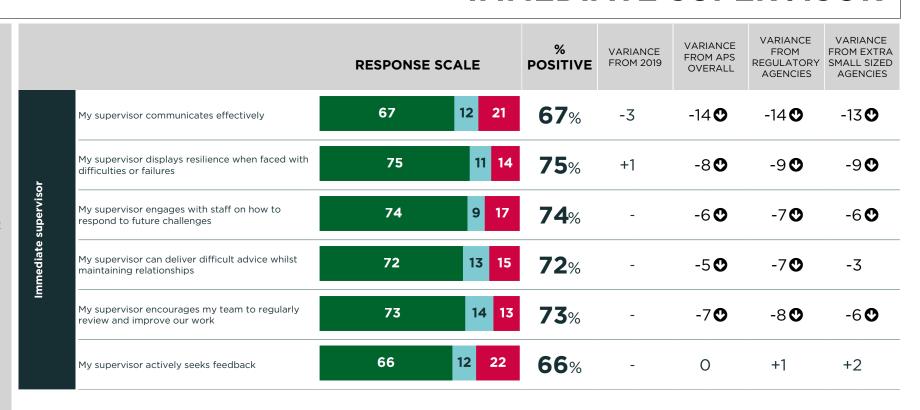
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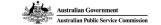


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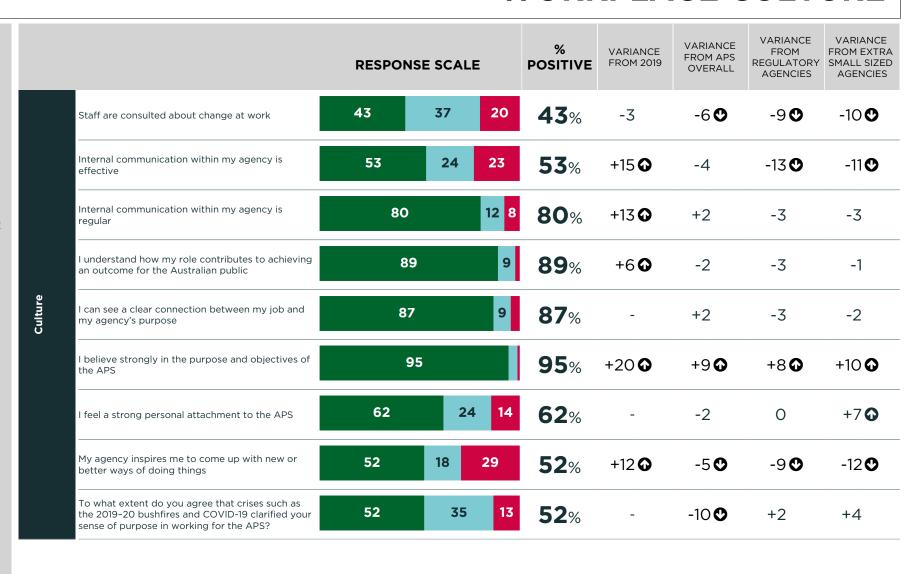
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# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

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 REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES
During the last 12 months and in the course discrimination on the basis of your backgro	of your employment, have you experienced und or a personal characteristic?					
Yes		20%	0	+80	+12 🐼	+11 🔷
No		80%	0	-80	-12 🛡	-11 👁
Did this discrimination occur in your current	agency?					
Yes		89%	+1	-3	-1	+4
No		11%	-1	+3	+1	-4
asis for the discrimination that you experie	enced (3 highest responses):					
		47%	-	-	-	
Gender		47% 41%	-	-	-	-

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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 REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCI FROM EXTF SMALL SIZE AGENCIE
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to harassment or bullying in your current workplace?	t				
Yes	24%	+4	+13 🔷	+15 🔷	+13 🐼
No No	64%	-4	-17♥	-21♥	-17 ♥
Not Sure	11%	0	+4	+50	+4
Types of harassment or bullying experienced (3 highest responses):					
Interference with work tasks (e.g. withholding needed information, undermining or sabotage)	64%	-	-	-	-
Verbal abuse (e.g. offensive language, derogatory remarks, shouting or screaming)	<b>55</b> %	-	-	-	-
Inappropriate and unfair application of work policies or rules	<b>F</b> 0				

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**50**%

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(e.g. performance management, access to leave, access to



#### **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.

Corruption	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES			
Excluding behaviour reported to you as part of your duties, in the last 12 months have you witnessed another APS employee in your agency engaging in behaviour that you consider may be serious enough to be viewed as corruption?									
Yes		8%	+3	+4	+5 <b>☆</b>	+3			
No		<b>87</b> %	-1	-3	-6 <b>O</b>	-1			
Not sure		6%	-1	+1	+2	+1			
Would prefer not to answer		0%	-	-2	-1	-2			

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#### **INCLUSION AND WELLBEING**



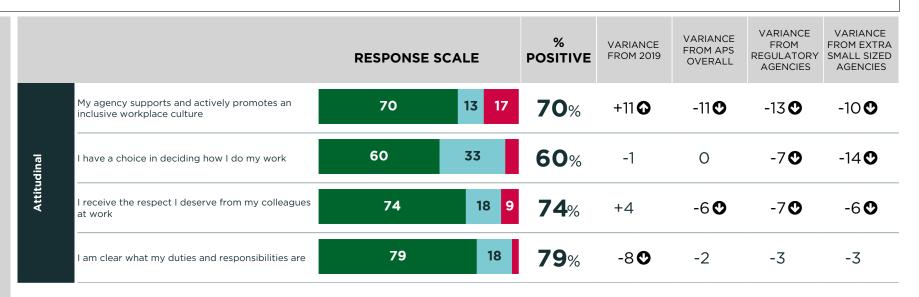
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### **INCLUSION AND WELLBEING**

•		RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES
EXPLORE	To what extent is your work emotionally demanding	?					
THE FULL RESULTS	To a very large extent		14%	-	+60	+5 <b>0</b>	<b>+9</b>
	To a large extent		22%	-	0	+2	+5♠
	Somewhat		<b>34</b> %	-	-5♥	-3	-4
	To a small extent		19%	-	-2	-4	<b>-7♥</b>
	To a very small extent		11%	-	+2	+1	-4
	I feel burned out by my work.						
	Strongly agree		24%	-	+15 <b>♦</b>	+14 🚳	+15 🔷
	Agree		<b>22</b> %	-	-5 <b>O</b>	-6 <b>0</b>	-1
	Neither agree nor disagree		<b>30</b> %	-	-5 <b>O</b>	-2	-2
	Disagree		14%	-	-10 👁	-10 🗸	-13 👁
	Strongly disagree		10%	-	+5♠	+4	+1
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# EXPLORE THE FULL RESULTS

	RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES
Has there been a change in your general health and 2020)?	wellbeing since COVID-19 (27 February					
Very positive change		<b>5</b> %	-	+1	+1	+2
Positive change		9%	-	-80	-11 👁	-9 <b>0</b>
No change		<b>31</b> %	-	-16 👁	-9 <b>0</b>	-15 👁
Negative change		<b>51</b> %	-	+22	+17 🚳	+20 <b>♦</b>
Very negative change		4%	-	+1	+1	+2

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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  70%	RESPONSE SCALE	% POSITIVE	VARIANCE FROM 2019 +1	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES
	I am satisfied with the policies/practices in place to help me manage my health and wellbeing	70 18	12 70%	+18 🕥	-2	-4	-5 ♥
D	My agency does a good job of communicating what it can offer me in terms of health and wellbeing	75 9	<b>75</b> %	+80	+3	-2	-4
Wellbeing	My agency does a good job of promoting health and wellbeing	73 13	<b>14 73</b> %	+3	+3	0	-4
>	I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing	74 12	<b>14 74</b> %	+11 🐼	+12 🕢	+3	-1
	I believe my immediate supervisor cares about my health and wellbeing	78 1	<b>9 78</b> %	+3	-6♥	-8♥	-8 👁

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#### WORKPLACE CONDITIONS



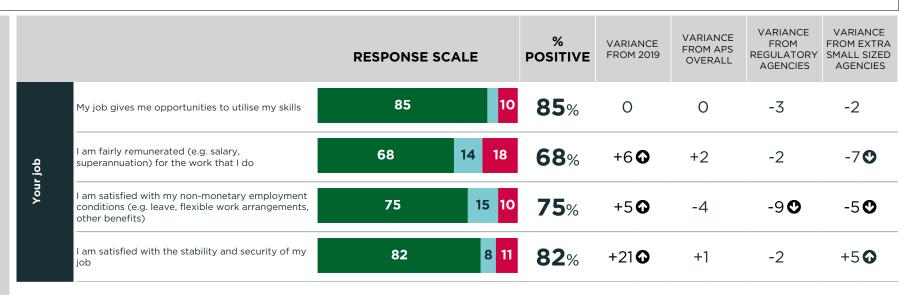
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#### **WORKGROUP PERFORMANCE**



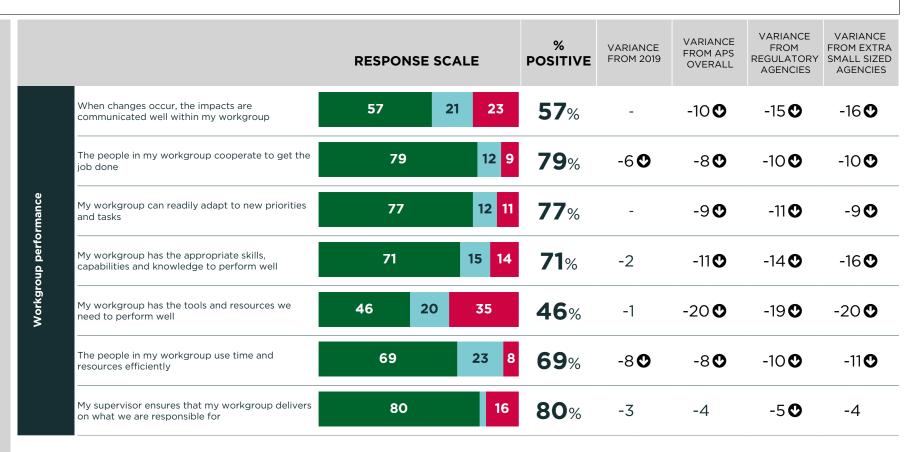
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### PRODUCTIVITY AND WAYS OF WORKING

0		RESPONSE SCALE	%	VARIANCE FROM 2019	VARIANCE FROM APS OVERALL	VARIANCE FROM REGULATORY AGENCIES	VARIANCE FROM EXTRA SMALL SIZED AGENCIES		
EXPLORE	How has your productivity changed since COVID-19 (Since 27 February 2020)?								
THE FULL RESULTS	Significantly improved		11%	-	-1	-1	0		
	Improved		<b>43</b> %	-	+6 🐼	+3	+7 <b>₲</b>		
	No change		<b>31</b> %	-	-11 🗷	<b>-7♥</b>	<b>-</b> 15 <b>♥</b>		
	Reduced		13%	-	+5 <b>⊘</b>	+4	+6 <b></b>		
	Significantly reduced		2%	-	+1	0	+1		
	What best describes your current workload?								
	Well above capacity - too much work		<b>27</b> %	-	+80	+5 <b>☆</b>	+90		
	Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		44%	-	+4	+3	0		
	At capacity - about the right amount of work to do		26%	-	-5♥	-2	-3		
	Slightly below capacity - available for more work		1%	-	-6♥	-5♥	-5♥		
	Below capacity - not enough work		1%	-	-1	-1	0		
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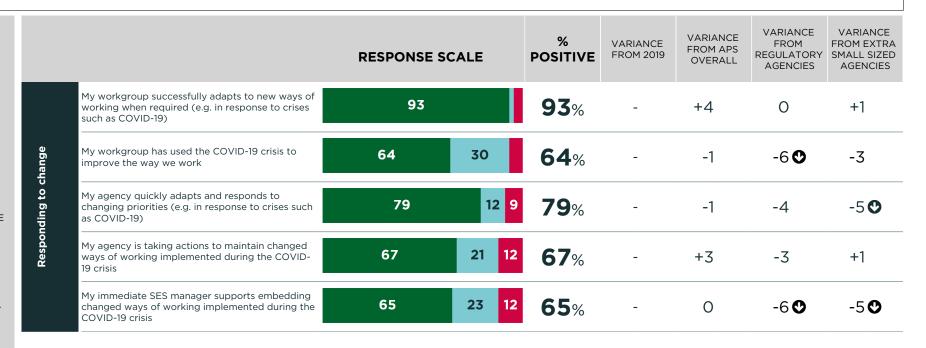
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#### TIME TO TAKE ACTION

<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.

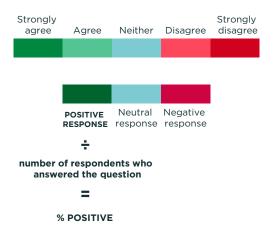
PRIORITISE 3 AREAS TO TAKE FORWARD

	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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