

Highlights Report DFAT



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Responses:

5,273 of 7,145

Response Rate:

74%

Exploring your results



Take time to understand your report. Consider your response rate to determine how representative your results are of the views of your colleagues.



Most questions in this report have information about the proportion of colleagues responding positively, neutrally or negatively.



Identify the areas where you are performing well. These will tend to be high results which are notably above any comparative results. Celebrate these results.



Identify areas that need improvement. These will be the lower results, and/or those which are scoring notably below your comparators.



Generally a difference of $-/+$ 5 percentage points is worthy of attention, but the size of the group is important. Changes in small groups can be unreliable.

Employee Engagement: Say, Stay, Strive



How engaged is your team?

Employee engagement is more than simply job satisfaction or commitment to an organisation. It is the extent to which employees are motivated, inspired and enabled to improve an organisation's outcomes.

Your Employee Engagement Index score		75	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
Say	Overall, I am satisfied with my job	77	13 10	77%	0	+2	0	+1
	I am proud to work in my agency	83	13	83%	+2	+5 ↑	+3	+3
	I would recommend my agency as a good place to work	67	21 12	67%	0	-4	-9 ↓	-8 ↓
	I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of my agency	88	10	88%	+1	+2	+2	+1
Stay	I feel a strong personal attachment to my agency	68	22 10	68%	+2	+5 ↑	+7 ↑	+5 ↑
	I feel committed to my agency's goals	87	10	87%	+1	+2	+2	+1
Strive	I suggest ideas to improve our way of doing things	90	8	90%	-1	+4	0	+1
	I am happy to go the 'extra mile' at work when required	93		93%	0	+2	0	0
	I work beyond what is required in my job to help my agency achieve its objectives	89	9	89%	+2	+8 ↑	+7 ↑	+7 ↑
	My agency really inspires me to do my best work every day	61	26 13	61%	0	0	0	-1

Key



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



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Positive Neutral Negative



Leadership - Immediate Supervisor



Immediate Supervisor

The Immediate Supervisor Index assesses how employees view the leadership behaviours of their immediate supervisor in line with the *APS Leadership Capability Framework*.

Your Immediate Supervisor Index score		76	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
Immediate Supervisor	My supervisor engages with staff on how to respond to future challenges	79	13 8	79%	+1	-1	-1	-1
	My supervisor can deliver difficult advice whilst maintaining relationships	77	15 9	77%	0	-3	-3	-4
	My supervisor invites a range of views, including those different to their own	81	12 8	81%	+1	-2	-3	-3
	My supervisor encourages my team to regularly review and improve our work	80	13	80%	+1	-2	-3	-2
	My supervisor is invested in my development	75	15 9	75%	+2	-3	-4	-4
	My supervisor ensures that my workgroup delivers on what we are responsible for	87	9	87%	0	-1	-2	-2
Other similar questions								
	My supervisor provides me with helpful feedback to improve my performance	77	14 9	77%	+2	-1	-1	-1
	My immediate supervisor encourages me	75	17 8	75%	0	-2	-3	-3
	My supervisor actively ensures that everyone can be included in workplace activities	83	11	83%	+1	-1	-2	-2
	My supervisor encourages me to take on new tasks and gain experience doing things I've never done before	79	14	79%	-	-1	-3	-2

Key

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 At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative

Leadership - SES Manager



SES Manager

The SES Manager Index assesses how employees view the leadership behaviours of their immediate SES manager in line with the *APS Leadership Capability Framework*.

Your SES Manager Leadership Index score	73	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
				+2	+3	0	+1

SES Manager	My SES manager clearly articulates the direction and priorities for our area	74	16	10	74%	+2	+5 ⬆️	0	+2
	My SES manager presents convincing arguments and persuades others towards an outcome	73	19	8	73%	+3	+10 ⬆️	+2	+5 ⬆️
	My SES manager promotes cooperation within and between agencies	78	18		78%	+3	+10 ⬆️	+1	+5 ⬆️
	My SES manager encourages innovation and creativity	69	23	9	69%	+1	+3	-2	0
	My SES manager creates an environment that enables us to deliver our best	71	18	11	71%	+3	+6 ⬆️	0	+2
	My SES manager ensures that work effort contributes to the strategic direction of the agency and the APS	81	15		81%	+2	+7 ⬆️	+1	+3

Other similar questions

In my agency, the SES work as a team	61	23	16	61%	+4	+5 ⬆️	+1	+3
In my agency, the SES clearly articulate the direction and priorities for our agency	66	21	13	66%	+1	+2	-1	+1
My SES manager routinely promotes the use of data and evidence to deliver outcomes	69	24		69%	+3	+2	-2	-1

Key	⬆️ At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator	⬇️ At least 5 percentage points less than comparator	Positive Neutral Negative

Communication and change



Communication

The Communication Index measures communication at the individual, group and agency level.

Change

Effective communication is an important part of any change process. Note these questions do not contribute to the above index score.

Your Communication Index score	68	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
				0	-1	-2	-1

Communication	My supervisor communicates effectively	79	12	10	79%	-1	-3	-2	-3
	My SES manager communicates effectively	75	15	10	75%	+2	+5	0	+2
	Internal communication within my agency is effective	53	24	23	53%	-1	-5	-7	-5

Other similar questions

Change	When changes occur, the impacts are communicated well within my workgroup	64	18	18	64%	-1	-4	-4	-4
	Staff are consulted about change at work	47	35	18	47%	+2	-4	-4	-4
	Change is managed well in my agency	38	30	32	38%	-1	-6	-6	-4

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Enabling Innovation



Enabling Innovation

The Innovation Index assesses both whether employees feel willing and able to be innovative, and whether their agency has a culture which enables them to be so.

Your Enabling Innovation Index score		62	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies	
Enabling Innovation	I believe that one of my responsibilities is to continually look for new ways to improve the way we work	82	14	82%	-1	+3	-1	0	
	My immediate supervisor encourages me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	72	19	8	72%	+1	0	-3	-2
	People are recognised for coming up with new and innovative ways of working	52	32	16	52%	-2	-6	-6	-6
	My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	45	36	19	45%	-1	-5	-4	-4
	My agency recognises and supports the notion that failure is a part of innovation	31	36	33	31%	-1	-10	-8	-9

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Wellbeing Policies and Support



Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Index provides a measure of the practical and cultural elements that allow for a sustainable and healthy working environment.

Your Wellbeing Policies and Support Index score		65	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
					0	-5 ↓	-5 ↓	-6 ↓

Wellbeing Policies and Support	Question	Response scale			% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
	I am satisfied with the policies/practices in place to help me manage my health and wellbeing	58	26	16	58%	+1	-10 ↓	-9 ↓	-10 ↓
	My agency does a good job of communicating what it can offer me in terms of health and wellbeing	57	26	17	57%	+2	-9 ↓	-8 ↓	-10 ↓
	My agency does a good job of promoting health and wellbeing	53	27	20	53%	+1	-13 ↓	-12 ↓	-14 ↓
	I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing	55	25	20	55%	0	-9 ↓	-10 ↓	-11 ↓
	I believe my immediate supervisor cares about my health and wellbeing	85		10	85%	0	-2	-3	-3

Other similar questions

Wellbeing	Question	Response scale			% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
	If I felt it was needed, I would feel comfortable discussing my mental health and wellbeing with my supervisor	71	14	15	71%	-	-3	-4	-4
	The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues	78	13	10	78%	-	-2	-4	-3
	I receive the respect I deserve from my colleagues at work	81		15	81%	-1	-1	-2	-2
	My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture	73	16	10	73%	-1	-8 ↓	-10 ↓	-10 ↓

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
In general, would you say that your health is:						
Excellent		14%	+1	+4	+3	+3
Very good		38%	0	+3	+2	+3
Good		36%	-1	-2	-1	-1
Fair		10%	0	-4	-4	-3
Poor		2%	0	-1	-1	-1
What best describes your current workload?						
Well above capacity - too much work		27%	+3	+5	+4	+4
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do		42%	+2	+2	+2	+1
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do		26%	-3	-5	-2	-3
Slightly below capacity - available for more work		4%	-2	-2	-3	-2
Well below capacity - not enough work		1%	0	0	-1	0

Key



















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Wellbeing

	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
How often do you find your work stressful?						
Always		4%	0	-1	0	0
Often		29%	+2	+4	+3	+3
Sometimes		48%	-2	-2	-2	-2
Rarely		17%	0	-2	-2	-2
Never		2%	0	0	0	0
To what extent is your work emotionally demanding?						
To a very large extent		7%	0	-1	+1	0
To a large extent		23%	+1	+3	+4	+3
Somewhat		41%	0	+2	+3	+3
To a small extent		22%	-1	-3	-5 	-4
To a very small extent		8%	0	-2	-3	-2
I feel burned out by my work						
Strongly agree		8%	+1	0	0	0
Agree		24%	+1	+1	+1	+1
Neither agree nor disagree		32%	0	0	+2	+1
Disagree		29%	-2	-1	-2	-1
Strongly disagree		7%	0	-1	0	-1

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Flexible work



	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
I am confident that if I requested a flexible work arrangement, my request would be given reasonable consideration	65 16 19	65%	0	-18 ↓	-22 ↓	-22 ↓
Do you currently access any of the following flexible working arrangements? [Multiple Response]						
Part time		7%	0	-6 ↓	-6 ↓	-6 ↓
Flexible hours of work		19%	+1	-8 ↓	-4	-8 ↓
Compressed work week		2%	-1	-2	-2	-3
Job sharing		1%	0	0	0	0
Working away from the office/working from home		25%	+2	-36 ↓	-43 ↓	-45 ↓
None of the above		59%	-1	+35 ↑	+38 ↑	+40 ↑
Working away from the office						
None of the time		75%	-	+36 ↑	+43 ↑	+45 ↑
All of the time		4%	-	-2	-4	-5 ↓
Some of the time as a regular arrangement		14%	-	-33 ↓	-37 ↓	-39 ↓
Only on an irregular basis		8%	-	-1	-2	-1
Did not disclose their arrangement		0%	-	0	0	0

The working away from the office responses present how often employees worked away from the office/worked from home during a usual working week. It includes the responses for all employees, not just those who indicated they accessed working from home as a flexible working arrangement.

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Positive Neutral Negative



Working in the APS

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice		65%	-	0	-1	-1
The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship		76%	-	-1	-3	-3
The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity		74%	-	-3	-5 ↓	-4
I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS		87%	+1	0	0	0
I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS		63%	+1	-2	0	-1
My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do		84%	-	-1	-4	-3

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Job satisfaction

	Response scale			% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	70	16	14	70%	+2	+1	-4	-3
I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do	64	17	19	64%	+3	+1	-9 ↓	-5 ↓
I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits)	71	16	13	71%	+4	-10 ↓	-14 ↓	-13 ↓
I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job	85	9		85%	+4	0	-2	+1

Clarity and autonomy

	Response scale			% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public	93			93%	0	0	+1	+1
I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are	80	15		80%	0	0	+2	+1
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	66	24	10	66%	-1	0	-6 ↓	-5 ↓
Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job	73	14	12	73%	+1	+2	-2	-1

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Performance

	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
In the last month, please rate your workgroup's overall performance						
Excellent		29%	-1	+1	-1	0
Very good		55%	0	+1	+1	+1
Average		13%	0	-2	0	-1
Below average		2%	0	0	0	0
Well below average		1%	0	0	0	0

	Response scale	% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well		80%	0	+2	0	0
My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well		57%	-1	-2	-1	-1
The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently		74%	-1	-2	-2	-2
My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills		82%	+1	+2	0	+1
In the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance		61%	-	+3	+5	+4

Key



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Positive Neutral Negative



Retention



Employees who indicated that they wanted to leave their current position as soon as possible or within the next 12 months were asked what their plans were.

	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
Which of the following statements best reflects your current thoughts about working in your current position?						
I want to leave my position as soon as possible		10%	0	+1	0	+1
I want to leave my position within the next 12 months		26%	-3	+3	-1	+1
I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years		38%	0	0	-5 ↓	-3
I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years		27%	+2	-4	+6 ↑	+1
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?						
I am planning to retire		3%	0	-2	0	0
I am pursuing another position within my agency		51%	+1	+8 ↑	+9 ↑	+6 ↑
I am pursuing a position in another agency		17%	0	-10 ↓	-12 ↓	-9 ↓
I am pursuing work outside the APS		12%	+1	+3	+3	+3
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment		3%	-3	0	-1	-1
Other		14%	+2	+1	0	+1

Key



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Retention



Employees were also asked for the primary reason behind their desire to leave and could select one response from a list of items.

Only the five reasons for leaving with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall.

Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current position? (5 highest responses):					
I wish to pursue a promotion opportunity	16%	-	-	-	-
I am looking to further my skills in another area	15%	-	-	-	-
Other	9%	-	-	-	-
I want to try a different type of work or I'm seeking a career change	8%	-	-	-	-
I have achieved all I can in my current position	8%	-	-	-	-

Key



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Unacceptable behaviour



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 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
During the last 12 months and in the course of your employment, have you experienced discrimination on the basis of your background or a personal characteristic?						
Yes		12%	0	+2	+3	+3
No		88%	0	-2	-3	-3
Did this discrimination occur in your current agency?						
Yes		92%	-1	0	+1	0
No		8%	+1	0	-1	0
Basis for the discrimination that you experienced (3 highest responses):						
Gender		39%	-	-	-	-
Race		28%	-	-	-	-
Age		24%	-	-	-	-

Key



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Unacceptable behaviour



Employees who perceived harassment or bullying in the last 12 months were asked what type of harassment or bullying they experienced. Employees could select one or more responses from a list of items.

Only the three options with the highest proportion of responses are presented here. These may vary between agencies, work units and with results for the APS overall.

Harassment and bullying	Response scale	%	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to harassment or bullying in your current workplace?						
Yes		12%	+1	+2	+2	+2
No		81%	0	-3	-4	-4
Not sure		7%	0	+1	+2	+2
Types of harassment or bullying experienced (3 highest responses):						
Interference with work tasks (e.g. withholding needed information, undermining or sabotage)		50%	-	-	-	-
Verbal abuse (e.g. offensive language, derogatory remarks, shouting or screaming)		48%	-	-	-	-
Deliberate exclusion from work-related activities		29%	-	-	-	-
Did you report the harassment or bullying?						
I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures		33%	-5	-3	-1	-2
It was reported by someone else		7%	0	0	0	0
I did not report the behaviour		59%	+5	+3	+1	+2

Key



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Unacceptable behaviour



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 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large 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		3%	0	0	+1	0
No		90%	+1	-1	-3	-2
Not sure		5%	-1	+1	+1	+1
Would prefer not to answer		2%	0	0	+1	0

Types of corrupt behaviours witnessed (3 highest responses):

Cronyism-preferential treatment of friends, such as appointing them to positions without proper regard to merit		65%	-	-	-	-
Acting (or failing to act) in the presence of an undisclosed conflict of interest		28%	-	-	-	-
Nepotism-preferential treatment of family members, such as appointing them to positions without proper regard to merit		22%	-	-	-	-

Did you report the potentially corrupt behaviour?

I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures		15%	-3	-6 ⬇️	-6 ⬇️	-5 ⬇️
It was reported by someone else		15%	-7 ⬇️	-1	0	0
I did not report the behaviour		69%	+10 ⬆️	+7 ⬆️	+6 ⬆️	+5 ⬆️

Key



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Demographics

How do you describe your gender?	Responses
Man or male	40%
Woman or female	56%
Non-binary	0%
I use a different term	0%
Prefer not to say	4%

Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?	Responses
Yes	2%
No	98%

Do you have an ongoing disability?	Responses
Yes	8%
No	92%

Do you have carer responsibilities?	Responses
Yes	45%
No	55%

Do you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and/or gender diverse, Intersex, Queer, Questioning and/or Asexual (LGBTIQA+)?	Responses
Yes	9%
No	91%

Do you identify as culturally and linguistically diverse?	Responses
Yes	34%
No	66%

How would you describe your cultural background? [Multiple Response]	Responses
Australian (excluding Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)	53%
Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	2%
New Zealander (excluding Maori)	1%
Maori, Melanesian, Papuan, Micronesian, and Polynesian	5%
Anglo-European	14%
North-West European (excluding Anglo-European)	3%
Southern and Eastern European	6%
South-East Asian	14%
North-East Asian	5%
Southern and Central Asian	5%
North American	2%
South and Central American and Caribbean Islander	2%
North African and Middle Eastern	3%
Sub-Saharan African	2%

Do you consider yourself to be neurodivergent?	Responses
Yes	5%
No	77%
Maybe	6%
I am unsure what neurodivergent means	12%

Agency position



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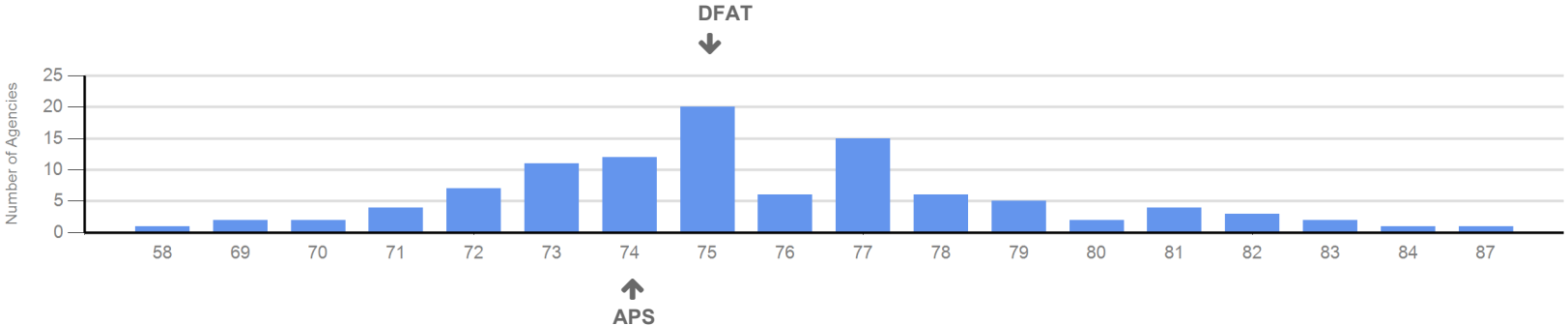
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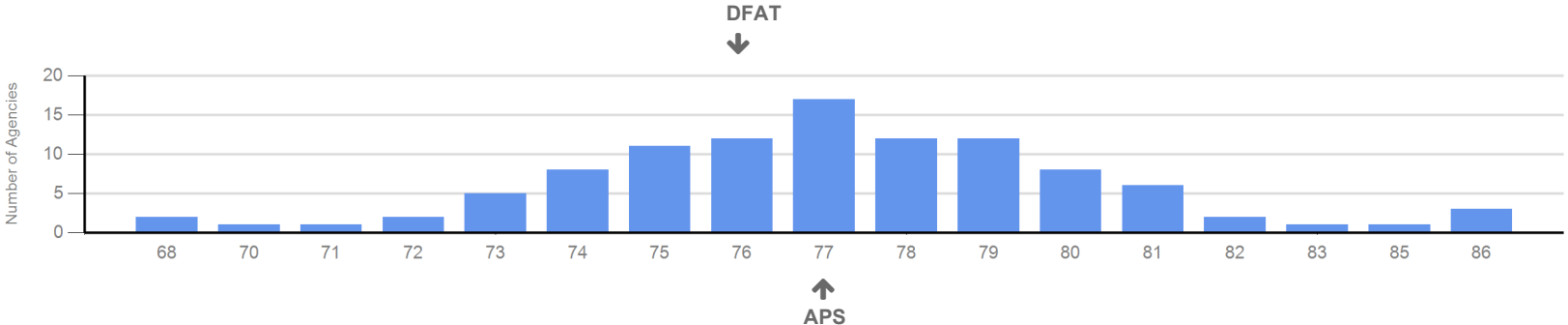
Employee Engagement Index

Ranking : 48th of 104



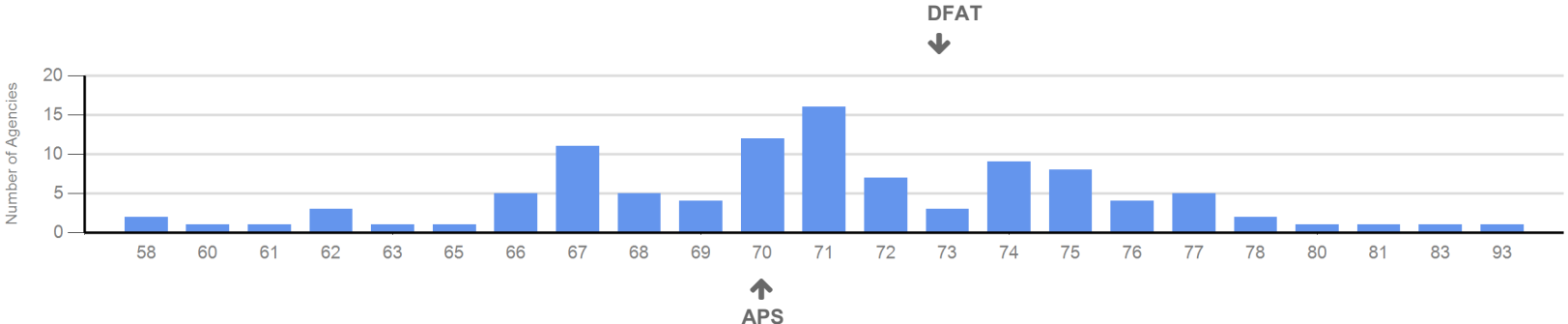
Leadership – Immediate Supervisor Index

Ranking : 73rd of 104



Leadership – SES Manager Index

Ranking : 35th of 104



Agency position



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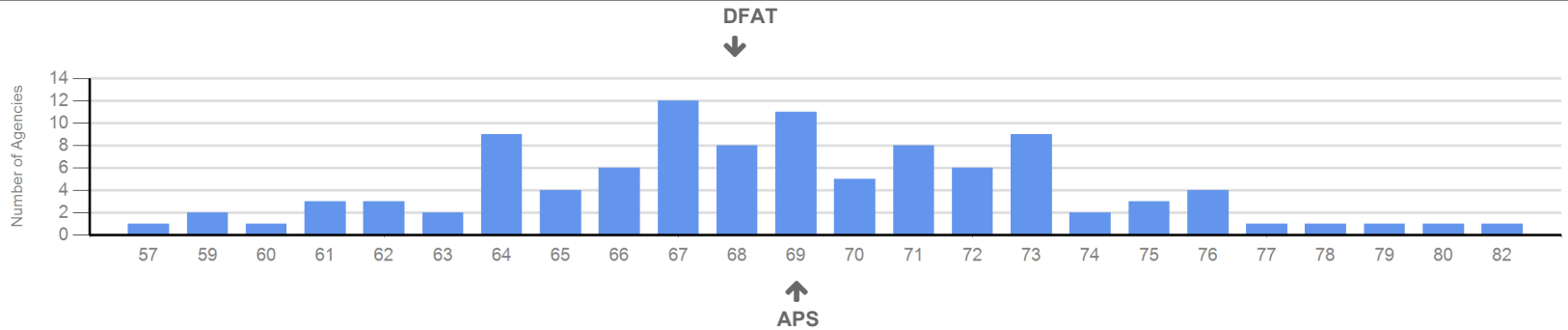
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Please note, the y-axis values are not consecutive as only index scores received by an agency are represented.

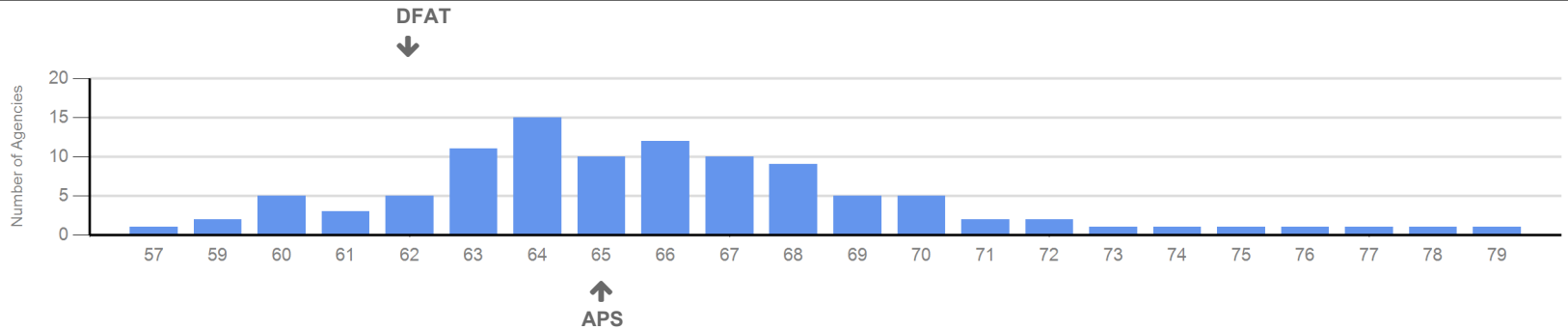
Communication Index

Ranking : 54th of 104



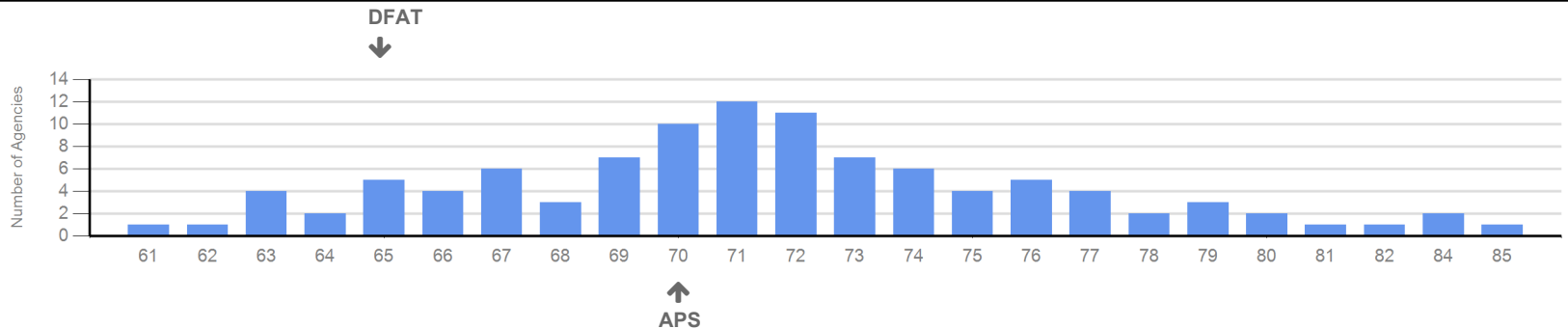
Enabling Innovation Index

Ranking : 90th of 104



Wellbeing Policies and Support Index

Ranking : 95th of 104



Suggested questions to focus on



What to focus on?

Through driver analysis, these key questions have been identified as being important to employees in your agency and associated with employee engagement.

They are not necessarily the questions with the lowest scores.

Some will be areas to improve upon and some will be areas to maintain.

Develop actions and activities to improve upon these, where possible, to drive higher levels of performance.



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

%
Positive

Variance from 2023

Variance from APS overall

Variance from policy agencies

Variance from large sized agencies

		% Positive	Variance from 2023	Variance from APS overall	Variance from policy agencies	Variance from large sized agencies
.1	I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice	65%	-	0	-1	-1
.2	The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity	74%	-	-3	-5↓	-4
.3	My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture	73%	-1	-8↓	-10↓	-10↓
.4	I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job	70%	+2	+1	-4	-3
.5	Internal communication within my agency is effective	53%	-1	-5↓	-7↓	-5↓
.6	My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things	45%	-1	-5↓	-4	-4

DFAT specific questions

	Response scale		% Positive	Variance from 2023
My work area actively promotes inclusion and celebrates diversity	77	18	77%	-
My work area has taken practical steps to ensure staff from diverse backgrounds have equitable access to our work, systems and opportunities	71	23	71%	-
My Branch Head/DHOM/DHOP holds themselves and their peers accountable for leading people with care and consideration	75	18	75%	-
My Division Head/HOM/HOP holds themselves and their peers accountable for leading people with care and consideration	74	20	74%	-
My Deputy Secretary holds themselves and their peers accountable for leading people with care and consideration	58	36	58%	-
I believe that the department effectively handles allegations of employee misconduct	42	40	42%	-

Key



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator




At least 5 percentage points less than comparator

Positive Neutral Negative



Time to take action


Celebrate


What things do we do well?

Think about how we can build on our strengths and learn from what we are good at.


Investigate further
with our teams

Are there any other opportunities coming out of the results that we want to explore further?

How could we investigate? Through looking at the data in more detail or through discussions with staff?


Opportunities

Areas we need to focus on and turn into action plans:

What are the key things we need to improve to make working here better?



Use this page to start your local action plans

Identify areas to celebrate, opportunities for improvement and areas which you need to investigate further.

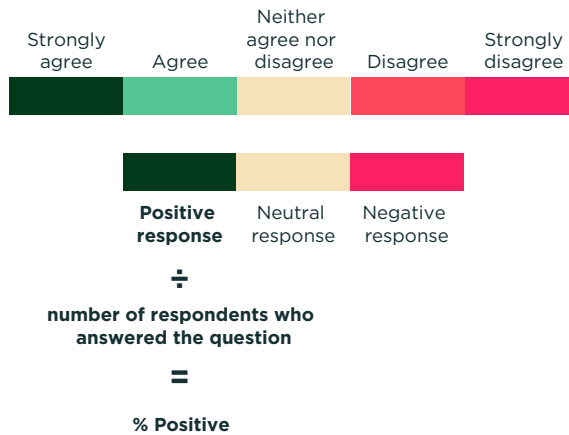
Prioritise 3 areas to take forward

	Prioritise 3 areas for action	Timescales	Owner	Resources required	Target/Success measure
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2					
3					

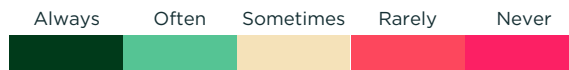
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% Positive

Where results are shown as positive percentages (% positive), these are calculated by adding together positive responses ("strongly agree" + "agree" or "always" + "often") and dividing by the number of respondents who answered the question.



For 5 point scale questions not asked on the *agree to disagree* scale the same rules apply, the green percent represents a **positive response** (unless the question is negatively worded).



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 agree nor disagree	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 best 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

Comparisons to other similarly sized agencies are used through this report. To see how agencies are categorised visit:

<https://www.apsc.gov.au/aps-agencies-size-and-function>

Comparisons to 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.

