

# **2025 APS Employee Census**

5 May - 6 June

# Highlights Report

Responses: 160 of 185

Response rate:

86%



### **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 tend to be the low results, which are notably below comparisons.



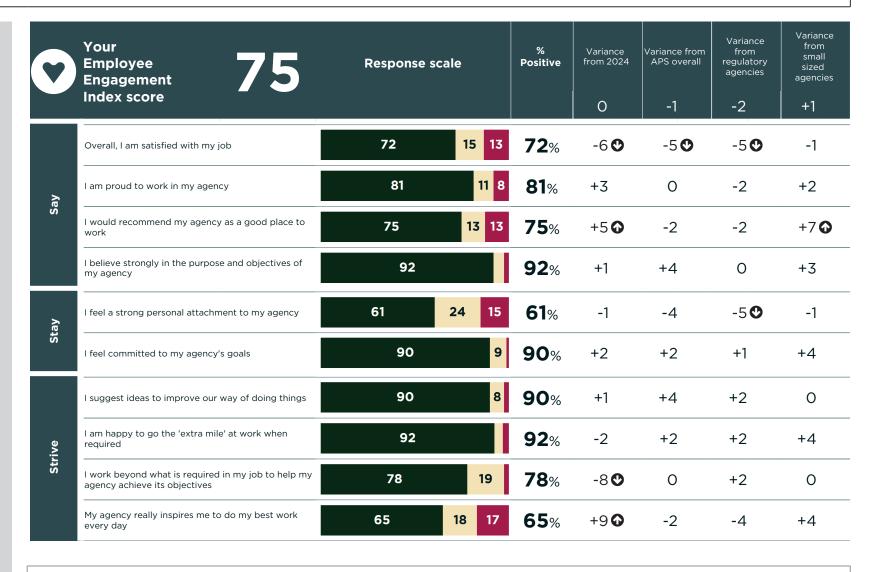
Generally a difference of -/+ 5 percentage points is worthy of attention, but the size of the group is important. Changes in small groups can be unreliable.

#### **Employee Engagement: Say, Stay, Strive**



# **Employee Engagement**

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.



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### **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  | Response scale Positi |            | %<br>Positive    | Variance from<br>2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance<br>from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance<br>from<br>small<br>sized<br>agencies |
|------------|--|-----------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
|            | Index score  |                       |            |                  | -3                    | -8 <b>©</b>                  | -9♥  | -7 <b>♥</b>                                    |
|            | My supervisor engages with staff on how to respond to future challenges                                  | 64                    | 23 13      | 64%              | -11 👁                 | -17 <b>O</b>                 | -17 <b>⊙</b>                               | -14 👁  |
| isor       | My supervisor can deliver difficult advice whilst maintaining relationships                              | 63                    | 22 15      | 63%              | -11♥                  | -17 <b>O</b>                 | -17♥                                       | -14 👁  |
| Supervisor | My supervisor invites a range of views, including those different to their own                           | 73                    | 16 11      | <b>73</b> %      | -2                    | -9 <b>0</b>                  | -11 👁                                      | -9 <b>0</b>                                    |
| Immediate  | My supervisor encourages my team to regularly review and improve our work                                | 71                    | 18 12      | <b>71</b> %      | -6♥                   | -12 🗸                        | -12 <b>0</b>                               | -9 <b>0</b>                                    |
| mmI        | My supervisor is invested in my development  | 62                    | 22 16      | 62%              | -3                    | -16♥                         | -16♥                                       | -13 <b>O</b>                                   |
|            | My supervisor ensures that my workgroup delivers on what we are responsible for                          | 78                    | 14 8       | <b>78</b> %      | -3                    | -10 <b>©</b>                 | -10 ♥                                      | -8♥  |
|            | Other similar questions  |                       |            |                  |                       |                              |  |  |
|            | My supervisor provides me with helpful feedback to improve my performance                                | 67                    | 19 14      | 67%              | -1                    | -12 🗸                        | -12 <b>0</b>                               | -7 <b>©</b>                                    |
|            | My immediate supervisor encourages me  | 63                    | 25 13      | 63%              | -4                    | -15 👁                        | -16 <b>•</b>                               | -13 <b>O</b>                                   |
|            | My supervisor actively ensures that everyone can be included in workplace activities                     | 74                    | 14 13      | 74%              | +2                    | -11 👁                        | -11 👁                                      | -80  |
|            | My supervisor encourages me to take on new tasks and gain experience doing things I've never done before | 69                    | 19 12      | 69%              | -2                    | -12♥                         | -12♥                                       | -10 👁  |
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### **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.

| 2           | Your SES Manager Index score   | Respons | se scale | %<br>Positive | Variance from<br>2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance<br>from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance<br>from<br>small<br>sized<br>agencies |
|-------------|--|---------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
|             |  |         |          |               | +1                    | -7♥                          | -8♥  | -5♥  |
|             | My SES manager clearly articulates the direction and priorities for our area                             | 55      | 24 21    | 55%           | +10 🚳                 | -16♥                         | -17♥                                       | -10 🛡  |
|             | My SES manager presents convincing arguments and persuades others towards an outcome                     | 55      | 26 19    | 55%           | +4                    | -9 <b>0</b>                  | <b>-11⊘</b>                                | -80  |
| SES Manager | My SES manager promotes cooperation within and between agencies  | 63      | 24 12    | 63%           | +4                    | -6♥                          | -9 <b>♥</b>                                | -6♥  |
| SES Ma      | My SES manager encourages innovation and creativity  | 61      | 24 15    | 61%           | +10 春                 | -7♥                          | -9 <b>♥</b>                                | -3   |
|             | My SES manager creates an environment that enables us to deliver our best                                | 55      | 21 24    | 55%           | +5♠                   | -12 👁                        | -13 ♥                                      | -80  |
|             | My SES manager ensures that work effort contributes to the strategic direction of the agency and the APS | 63      | 23 14    | 63%           | +50                   | -13 👁                        | -16♥                                       | -11 👁  |
|             | Other similar questions  |         |          |               |                       |                              |  |  |
|             | In my agency, the SES work as a team   | 53      | 25 22    | 53%           | +9 <b></b>            | -6 <b>•</b>                  | -3   | +1   |
|             | In my agency, the SES clearly articulate the direction and priorities for our agency                     | 58      | 22 20    | 58%           | +16 🐼                 | -80                          | -8♥  | +1   |
|             | My SES manager routinely promotes the use of data and evidence to deliver outcomes                       | 61      | 21 18    | 61%           | +11 🐼                 | -80                          | -10 <b>O</b>                               | -7 <b>♡</b>                                    |

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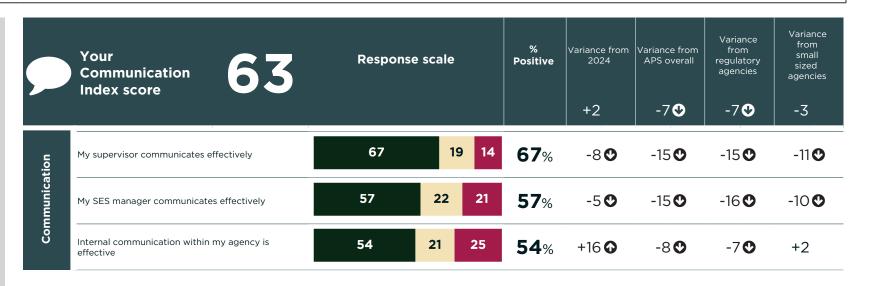
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#### **Communication and change**



#### Communication

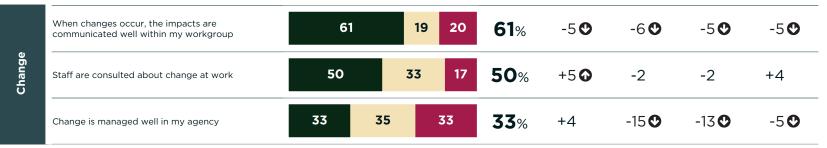
The Communication Index measures communication at the individual, group and agency level.



#### Change

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

#### Other similar questions



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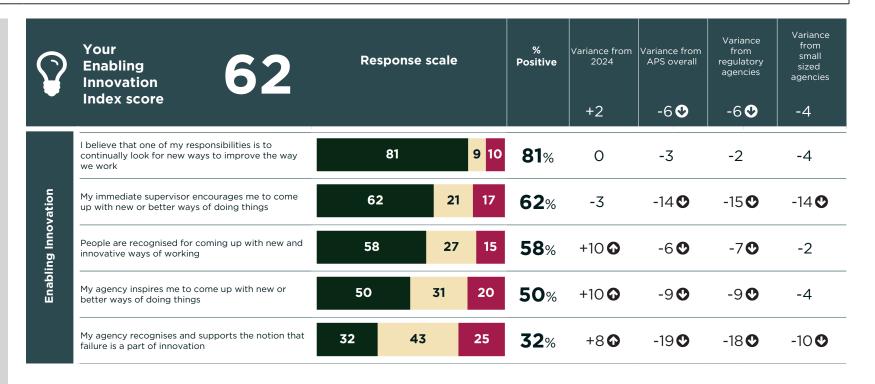
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#### **Enabling Innovation**



# **Enabling Innovation**

The Enabling
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.



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### **Wellbeing Policies and Support**



#### Wellbeing

The Wellbeing Policies and Support 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  | Response s | scale | %<br>Positive | Variance from<br>2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance<br>from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance<br>from<br>small<br>sized<br>agencies |
|------------------------|--|------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
|                        | score  |            |       |               | +5 <b>♠</b>           | 0                            | -3   | О  |
| Support                | I am satisfied with the policies/practices in place to<br>help me manage my health and wellbeing               | 76         | 20    | <b>76</b> %   | +13 🚱                 | +3                           | +1   | +60  |
|                        | My agency does a good job of communicating what it can offer me in terms of health and wellbeing               | 69         | 23 8  | 69%           | +11 🐼                 | -1                           | -5♥  | 0  |
| Wellbeing Policies and | My agency does a good job of promoting health and wellbeing  | 67         | 23 9  | <b>67</b> %   | +14 🚳                 | -3                           | -6 <b>•</b>                                | +1   |
| lbeing F               | I think my agency cares about my health and wellbeing  | 69         | 20 11 | 69%           | +13 🟠                 | +1                           | -4   | +2   |
| Well                   | I believe my immediate supervisor cares about my<br>health and wellbeing                                       | 84         | 8 8   | 84%           | +9♠                   | -3                           | -4   | -3   |
|                        | Other similar questions  |            |       |               |                       |                              |  |  |
| Б                      | If I felt it was needed, I would feel comfortable discussing my mental health and wellbeing with my supervisor | 63         | 15 22 | 63%           | +6•                   | -13 ♥                        | -14 <b>ூ</b>                               | -12♥   |
| Wellbeing              | I receive the respect I deserve from my colleagues at work   | 73         | 22    | <b>73</b> %   | +3                    | -9 <b>0</b>                  | -9 <b>0</b>                                | -6♥  |
| - <b>&gt;</b>          | My agency supports and actively promotes an inclusive workplace culture  | 71         | 17 12 | <b>71</b> %   | +5♠                   | -13 ♥                        | -14 <b>•</b>                               | -6♥  |

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### Wellbeing

|  | Response scale | %           | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| In general, would you say that your health is:     |                |             |                    |                              |   |  |
| Excellent  |                | 16%         | +4                 | +5 <b>⊘</b>                  | +4                                      | +4                                       |
| Very good  |                | 42%         | +4                 | +7 <b>•</b>                  | +5 <b>☆</b>                             | +5♠                                      |
| Good   |                | 29%         | -8 👁               | -80                          | -7♥                                     | -7♥                                      |
| Fair   |                | 11%         | 0                  | -2                           | -1                                      | -2                                       |
| Poor   |                | 2%          | 0                  | -1                           | -1                                      | -1                                       |
| What best describes your current workload?         |                |             |                    |                              |   |  |
| Well above capacity - too much work                |                | 21%         | -12 🗸              | +4                           | +3                                      | -2                                       |
| Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do       |                | 42%         | +1                 | +3                           | +3                                      | +1                                       |
| At capacity - about the right amount of work to do |                | <b>31</b> % | +80                | -5♥                          | -3                                      | +2                                       |
| Slightly below capacity - available for more work  |                | 5%          | +4                 | -1                           | -2                                      | -1                                       |
| Well below capacity - not enough work              |                | 1%          | -1                 | -1                           | -1                                      | -1                                       |

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### Wellbeing

|  | Response scale | %           | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| How often do you find your work stressful?         |                |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Always   |                | <b>3</b> %  | +2                 | -1                           | -1                                | -1                                       |
| Often  |                | 23%         | -9♥                | 0                            | +2                                | -1                                       |
| Sometimes  |                | 46%         | -1                 | -4                           | -6♥                               | -4                                       |
| Rarely   |                | <b>27</b> % | +8 🏠               | +7 <b>♦</b>                  | +7♠                               | +80                                      |
| Never  |                | 1%          | 0                  | -1                           | -1                                | -1                                       |
| To what extent is your work emotionally demanding? |                |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| To a very large extent                             |                | <b>3</b> %  | -1                 | -5 <b>O</b>                  | -3                                | -4                                       |
| To a large extent                                  |                | 13%         | -9 <b>•</b>        | -7 <b>O</b>                  | -5♥                               | -5♥                                      |
| Somewhat   |                | 47%         | -3                 | +80                          | +80                               | +6 🚱                                     |
| To a small extent                                  |                | 26%         | +9♠                | +2                           | -1                                | +1                                       |
| To a very small extent                             |                | 12%         | +3                 | +2                           | +1                                | +2                                       |
| I feel burned out by my work                       |                |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Strongly agree                                     |                | 8%          | +1                 | 0                            | +1                                | -1                                       |
| Agree  |                | 18%         | -6♥                | -4                           | -3                                | -5♥                                      |
| Neither agree nor disagree                         |                | 35%         | +3                 | +2                           | +4                                | +4                                       |
| Disagree   |                | 30%         | 0                  | -1                           | -3                                | 0  |
| Strongly disagree                                  |                | 10%         | +2                 | +2                           | +1                                | +2                                       |

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#### Flexible work



|  | Response scale | %           | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| I am confident that if I request a flexible work arrangement, my request would be given reasonable consideration | 91             | 91%         | +60                | +4                           | -1                                | +4                                       |
| Do you currently access any of the following flexible working arrangements? [Multiple Response]                  |                |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Part time  |                | 6%          | 0                  | -7 <b>O</b>                  | <b>-7♥</b>                        | -6♥                                      |
| Flexible hours of work   |                | <b>35</b> % | +2                 | +4                           | -1                                | -1                                       |
| Compressed work week   |                | <b>61</b> % | +3                 | +56 <b>♦</b>                 | +52 <b>0</b>                      | +54 <b></b>                              |
| Job sharing  |                | 0%          | 0                  | 0                            | 0                                 | -1                                       |
| Working away from the office/working from home   |                | <b>70</b> % | +1                 | +3                           | -11 👁                             | -3                                       |
| None of the above  |                | 8%          | +1                 | <b>-</b> 12 <b>♥</b>         | 0                                 | -6♥                                      |
| Working away from the office   |                |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| All of the time  |                | 1%          | 0                  | -6 <b>0</b>                  | -12♥                              | -80                                      |
| Some of the time as a regular arrangement  |                | <b>50</b> % | +3                 | -2                           | -13 ♥                             | -2                                       |
| Only on an irregular basis   |                | 20%         | -3                 | +11 🐼                        | +14 🔂                             | +7 <b> </b>                              |
| None of the time   |                | <b>30</b> % | -1                 | -3                           | +11 🐼                             | +3                                       |

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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### **Working in the APS**

|   | Response scale | %<br>Positive    | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|---|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice   | 60 22 18       | 60%              | -7 <b>♥</b>        | -9 <b>0</b>                  | -9♥                                     | -4                                       |
| The people in my workgroup demonstrate stewardship  | 79 15          | 79%              | 0                  | +2                           | 0                                       | 0  |
| The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity  | 81 1           | <b>81</b> %      | +9♠                | -1                           | -2                                      | +60                                      |
| I believe strongly in the purpose and objectives of the APS   | 90             | 90%              | +7 <b>•</b>        | +1                           | 0                                       | +2                                       |
| I feel a strong personal attachment to the APS  | 57 32          | <b>57</b> %      | +6•                | <b>-11♥</b>                  | -10 ♥                                   | -2                                       |
| My workgroup considers the people and businesses affected by what we do   | 88             | 88%              | +2                 | +4                           | +1                                      | +2                                       |
| The people in my workgroup value others' individual skills and talents  | 83 9           | 8 83%            | -                  | 0                            | -2                                      | -1                                       |
| People in my workgroup are comfortable checking with each other if they have questions about the right way to do something  | 90             | 90%              | -                  | +1                           | 0                                       | +1                                       |
| The people in my workgroup are able to bring up problems and tough issues   | 78 13          | <sup>9</sup> 78% | -4                 | -2                           | -4                                      | -3                                       |
| If you make a mistake in my workgroup, it tends to be held against you (reverse scored: positive scores represent those who disagreed, or strongly disagreed with this statement) | 65 22 1        | <sup>3</sup> 65% | -                  | -2                           | -80                                     | -7♥                                      |

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#### **Job satisfaction**

|  | Response sca | le    | %<br>Positive | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|--------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job   | 63           | 19 18 | <b>63</b> %   | -4                 | -5♥                          | -6♥                               | -4                                       |
| I am fairly remunerated (e.g. salary, superannuation) for the work that I do                                       | 70           | 15 15 | <b>70</b> %   | -6♥                | +4                           | +4                                | +4                                       |
| I am satisfied with my non-monetary employment conditions (e.g. leave, flexible work arrangements, other benefits) | 93           |       | 93%           | +3                 | +8•                          | +4                                | +7♠                                      |
| I am satisfied with the stability and security of my job   | 79           | 13 8  | <b>79</b> %   | +6 <b>☆</b>        | -7 <b>♥</b>                  | -4                                | 0  |

### **Clarity and autonomy**

|  | Response sc | ale   | %<br>Positive | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|-------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| I understand how my role contributes to achieving an outcome for the Australian public | 92          |       | 92%           | -1                 | 0                            | -1                                | +2                                       |
| I am clear what my duties and responsibilities are                                     | 85          | 11    | 85%           | +70                | +1                           | +2                                | +3                                       |
| I have a choice in deciding how I do my work   | 67          | 23 10 | <b>67</b> %   | +1                 | -1                           | -7♥                               | -7♥                                      |
| Where appropriate, I am able to take part in decisions that affect my job              | 69          | 15 16 | 69%           | +60                | -3                           | -4                                | -2                                       |

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### **Performance**

| Response scale | %              | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall  | Variance from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies  |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
|                |                |                    |                               |   |   |
|                | 22%            | -1                 | -3                            | -3                                      | -4  |
|                | <b>57</b> %    | +5♠                | 0                             | 0                                       | +3  |
|                | 18%            | -5♥                | +2                            | +2                                      | +1  |
|                | <b>3</b> %     | 0                  | +1                            | +1                                      | 0   |
|                | 1%             | 0                  | +1                            | +1                                      | 0   |
|                | Response scale | 22% 57% 18% 3%     | 22% -1 57% +5 • 18% -5 • 3% 0 | 22% -1 -3 57% +5♠ 0 18% -5♠ +2 3% 0 +1  | Response scale       %       Variance from 2024       Variance from APS overall       regulatory agencies         22%       -1       -3       -3         57%       +5 |

|  | Response | scale | %<br>Positive | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|----------|-------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| My workgroup has the appropriate skills, capabilities and knowledge to perform well        | 84       | 11    | 84%           | +4                 | +50                          | +5 🚱                              | +5♠                                      |
| My workgroup has the tools and resources we need to perform well                           | 57       | 18 25 | <b>57</b> %   | +11 🐼              | -3                           | +4                                | +7 <b>₲</b>                              |
| The people in my workgroup use time and resources efficiently                              | 71       | 20 9  | <b>71</b> %   | -2                 | -4                           | -4                                | -4                                       |
| My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills   | 78       | 13 10 | <b>78</b> %   | -7♥                | -2                           | -2                                | -2                                       |
| During the last 12 months, the formal learning I have accessed has improved my performance | 57       | 27 16 | <b>57</b> %   | +10 🐼              | -2                           | -1                                | +3                                       |

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#### 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 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Which of the following statements best reflects your thoughts about working in your currer position? | nt          |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| I want to leave my position as soon as possible  | 6%          | -3                 | -2                           | -2                                | -3                                       |
| I want to leave my position within the next 12 months  | 12%         | -5♥                | -9 <b>♥</b>                  | -8♥                               | <b>-7♥</b>                               |
| I want to stay working in my position for the next one to two years                                  | 40%         | +11 🐼              | +1                           | -2                                | 0  |
| I want to stay working in my position for at least the next three years                              | <b>42</b> % | -2                 | +10 🐼                        | +12 🐼                             | +10 🐼                                    |
| What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current position?                          |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| I am planning to retire  | 14%         | +3                 | +9 <b>0</b>                  | +11 🐼                             | +11                                      |
| I am pursuing another position within my agency  | 21%         | +1                 | -24♥                         | -12 <b>♥</b>                      | +5 <b>♦</b>                              |
| I am pursuing a position in another agency   | 11%         | +80                | -14 👁                        | -24 <b>O</b>                      | -39♥                                     |
| I am pursuing work outside the APS   | <b>39</b> % | -6 <b>•</b>        | +310                         | +280                              | +250                                     |
| It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment                                     | 0%          | -6 🔮               | -2                           | -4                                | -5♥                                      |
| Other  | 14%         | 0                  | +1                           | 0                                 | +2                                       |

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#### Retention



Employees who indicated that they were pursing another position within their agency, another agency, or outside the APS were asked for the primary reason behind their desire to leave. They could select one response from a list of 18 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, therefore those comparisons are not included.

|  | Response scale                 | %          | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave you responses): | r current position? (5 highest |            |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| There are a lack of future career opportunities in my agency           |                                | 20%        | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| Senior leadership is of a poor quality                                 |                                | 20%        | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| My immediate supervisor's leadership is of a poor quality              |                                | 20%        | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| I wish to pursue a promotion opportunity                               |                                | 20%        | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| I am looking to further my skills in another area                      |                                | <b>5</b> % | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |

Key



At least 5 percentage points greater than comparator



At least 5 percentage points less than comparator



### **Unacceptable behaviour**



Employees who had perceived discrimination in the last 12 months in the course of their employment were asked where the discrimination came from and if they reported it.

| Discrimination   | Response scale | %          | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencie |
|--|----------------|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| During the last 12 months, and in connection with yo discrimination on the basis of your background or a |                |            |                    |                              |                                   |   |
| Yes  |                | 9%         | Ο                  | +1                           | +3                                | +1                                      |
| No   |                | 91%        | 0                  | -1                           | -3                                | -1                                      |
| Did this discrimination occur in your current agency   | ?              |            |                    |                              |                                   |   |
| Yes  |                | 87%        | -13 ♥              | -7 <b>♥</b>                  | -8♥                               | -5♥                                     |
| No   |                | 13%        | +13 🟠              | +70                          | +80                               | +50                                     |
| The discrimination came from: [Multiple Response]  |                |            |                    |                              |                                   |   |
| Within my agency   |                | 93%        | -                  | +1                           | -2                                | -2                                      |
| Another agency   |                | <b>7</b> % | -                  | +3                           | +3                                | +2                                      |
| A customer, stakeholder or member of the public  |                | 0%         | -                  | -80                          | -5♥                               | -4                                      |
| Other  |                | 0%         | -                  | -4                           | -3                                | -2                                      |
| Did you report the discrimination?   |                |            |                    |                              |                                   |   |
| I reported the discrimination in accordance with my agency policies and procedures                       | 's             | 0%         | -                  | -19 <b>♥</b>                 | -18 <b>O</b>                      | -21 <b>♥</b>                            |
| It was reported by someone else  |                | 0%         | -                  | -4                           | -5♥                               | -3                                      |
| did not report the discrimination  |                | 100%       | -                  | +23 💿                        | +23 🟠                             | +240                                    |



### **Unacceptable behaviour**



In 2025, the survey used an expanded definition of harassment. Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

Employees who perceived bullying or harassment in the last 12 months were asked what type of bullying or harassment 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.

| Bullying and harassment   | Response scale                      | %           | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to bul workplace?                        | lying or harassment in your current |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Yes   |                                     | 14%         | -4                 | +4                           | +6 🐼                              | +4                                       |
| No  |                                     | 82%         | <b>+9</b>          | -4                           | -6♥                               | -2                                       |
| Not sure  |                                     | 4%          | -5♥                | -1                           | 0                                 | -1                                       |
| Types of bullying or harassment experienced (3 highest re                                   | esponses):                          |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| 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>50</b> % | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| Deliberate exclusion from work-related activities   |                                     | <b>45</b> % | -                  | -                            | -                                 | -  |
| Did you report the bullying or harassment?  |                                     |             |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures             |                                     | 10%         | -12 🛡              | -28♥                         | -27♥                              | -24♥                                     |
| It was reported by someone else   |                                     | 10%         | +5 <b>♦</b>        | +2                           | +2                                | +3                                       |
| I did not report the behaviour  |                                     | 81%         | +7♠                | +26 <b></b>                  | +26♠                              | +220                                     |

Key



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### **Unacceptable behaviour**



In 2025, the survey used an updated definition of corruption to align with the National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022 and the Commonwealth Fraud and Corruption Control Framework.

Comparing results to 2024 should take this change in definition in context.

| Corruption  | Response scale                         | %             | Variance from 2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from regulatory agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| During the last 12 months, excluding behaviour report you observed a public official engaging in conduct in to be corruption? |  |               |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Yes   |  | 4%            | -2                 | +2                           | +1                                | 0  |
| No  |  | 91%           | +4                 | -2                           | -2                                | +4                                       |
| Not sure  | I                                      | 5%            | -1                 | +1                           | +2                                | -1                                       |
| Prefer not to answer  |  | 1%            | -1                 | -1                           | -1                                | -2                                       |
| Which of the following reflects the conduct you witne   | essed? [Multiple Response]             |               |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| Abuse of office   | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| Misuse of information or documents  | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| A breach of public trust  | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| Adversely affecting the honesty or impartiality of a public official  | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| Did you report the conduct?   |  |               |                    |                              |                                   |  |
| I reported the behaviour in accordance with my agency's policies and procedures   | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| It was reported by someone else   | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
| I did not report the behaviour  | The data for this question has been hi | dden to prese | rve privacy.       |                              |                                   |  |
|   |  |               |                    |                              |                                   |  |



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### **Demographics**

| How do you describe your gender? | Responses |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Man or male                      | 56%       |
| Woman or female                  | 38%       |
| Non-binary                       | 0%        |
| I use a different term           | 1%        |
| Prefer not to say                | 6%        |

| Do you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person? | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Yes  | 1%        |
| No   | 99%       |

| Do you have an ongoing disability? | Responses |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Yes                                | 4%        |
| No                                 | 96%       |

| Do you have carer responsibilities? | Responses |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Yes                                 | 46%       |
| No                                  | 54%       |

| Do you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and/or gender diverse, Intersex, Queer, Questioning and/or Asexual (LGBTIQA+)? | Responses |
|---|-----------|
| Yes   | 4%        |
| No  | 96%       |

| Do you identify as culturally or linguistically diverse? | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Yes  | 27%       |
| No   | 73%       |

| How would you describe your cultural background? [Multiple Response]       | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Australian (excluding Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander) | 61%       |
| Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander                        | 1%        |
| New Zealander (excluding Maori)  | 3%        |
| Maori, Melanesian, Papuan, Micronesian, and Polynesian                     | 0%        |
| Anglo-European   | 32%       |
| North-West European (excluding Anglo-European)                             | 11%       |
| Southern and Eastern European  | 9%        |
| South-East Asian   | 12%       |
| North-East Asian   | 0%        |
| Southern and Central Asian   | 3%        |
| North American   | 1%        |
| South and Central American and Caribbean Islander                          | 2%        |
| North African and Middle Eastern   | 1%        |
| Sub-Saharan African  | 3%        |

| Do you consider yourself to be neurodivergent? | Responses |
|--|-----------|
| Yes  | 8%        |
| No   | 78%       |
| Maybe  | 8%        |
| I am unsure what neurodivergent means          | 6%        |

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#### **Agency position**



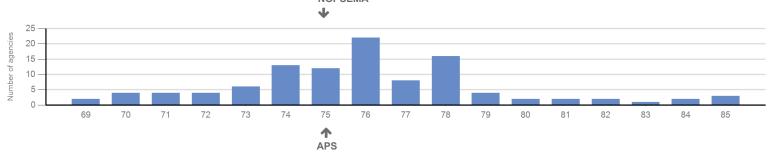
### Agency position

These graphs display the overall index score of each agency for the Employee Engagement, Immediate Supervisor, SES Manager, Communication, **Enabling Innovation** and Wellbeing Policies and Support indices. These are to assist you to see where your agency sits in comparison to the overall APS index score and the scores of other agencies.

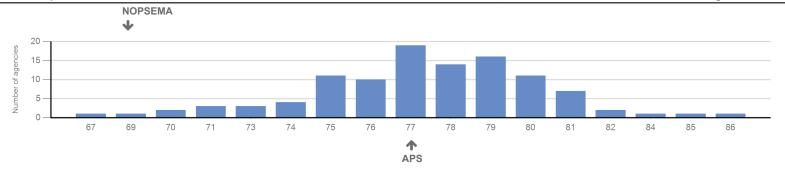
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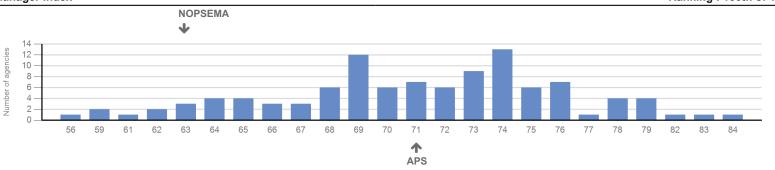
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#### Immediate Supervisor Index Ranking: 106th of 107



#### SES Manager Index Ranking: 100th of 107





#### **Agency position**



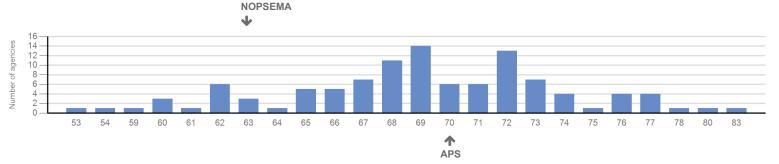
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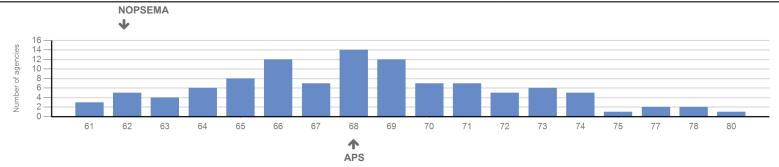
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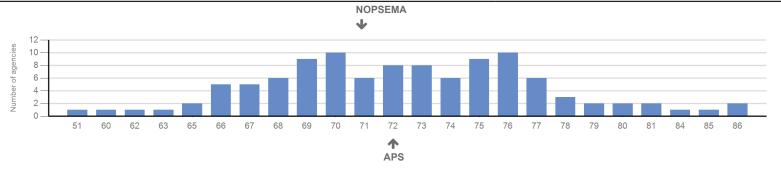




#### Enabling Innovation Index Ranking: 103rd of 107



#### Wellbeing Policies and Support Index Ranking : 62nd of 107





### 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.

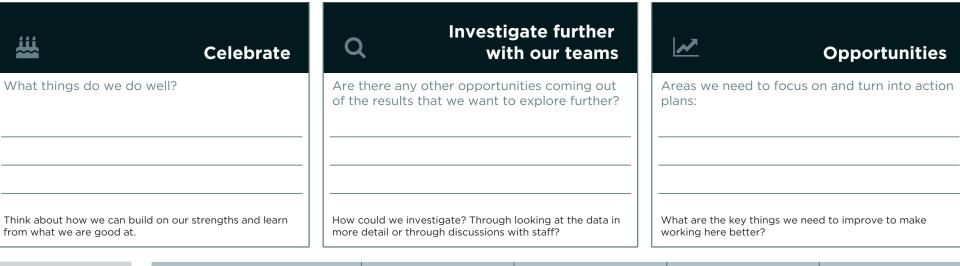
They are not necessarily the questions with the lowest scores.

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.

|    | 5 percentage points greater mparator At least 5 percentage points less than comparator | %<br>Positive | Variance from<br>2024 | Variance from<br>APS overall | Variance from<br>regulatory<br>agencies | Variance from<br>small<br>sized agencies |
|----|--|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| .1 | I am supported to use my expertise to provide frank and fearless advice                | 60%           | -7 <b>⊙</b>           | -9 <b>o</b>                  | -9 <b>0</b>                             | -4                                       |
| .2 | My SES manager encourages innovation and creativity                                    | 61%           | +100                  | -7 <b>o</b>                  | -9 <b>o</b>                             | -3                                       |
| .3 | My agency inspires me to come up with new or better ways of doing things               | <b>50</b> %   | +100                  | -9 <b>o</b>                  | -9 <b>o</b>                             | -4                                       |
| .4 | The culture in my agency supports people to act with integrity                         | 81%           | +90                   | -1                           | -2                                      | +60                                      |
| .5 | People are recognised for coming up with new and innovative ways of working            | <b>58</b> %   | +100                  | -6 <b>º</b>                  | -7 <b>o</b>                             | -2                                       |
| .6 | I am satisfied with the recognition I receive for doing a good job                     | <b>63</b> %   | -4                    | -5 <b>⊙</b>                  | -6 <b>⊙</b>                             | -4                                       |

#### Time to take action





#### 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

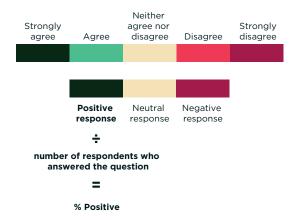
|   | Prioritise 3 areas<br>for action | Timescales | Owner | Resources<br>required | Target/Success<br>measure |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 |                                  |            |       |                       |                           |
| 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" 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).

| Always | Often | Sometimes | Rarely | Never |
|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|
|        |       |           |        |       |







#### 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<br>agree | Agree   | Neither agree<br>nor disagree | Disagree | Strongly<br>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         | 5 = 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.

#### 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.

