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Agency Report

NSW Police Force

- Survey period: 18 August to 12 September 2025
- Completed surveys: 8,446
- Response rate: 42% -3 compared to 2024
- · Portfolio: Communities and Justice







Organisational hierarchy

This shows where the report unit sits in the survey's organisational hierarchy.

NSW public sector

- Communities and Justice
 - ▶ NSW Police Force

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High level results

Discover key employee experience insights

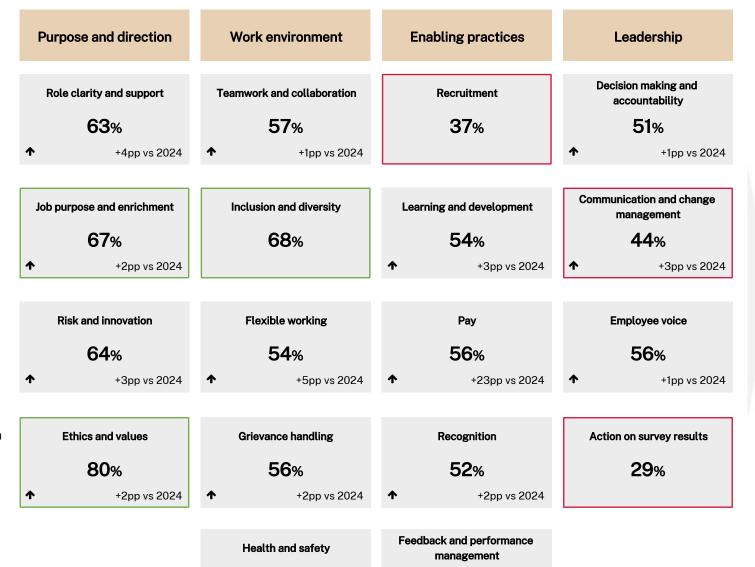
Headline results for key topics

These are the % favourable scores for key survey topics. Each topic relates to an area of employee experience.



We've flagged the top 3 and bottom 3 topics. Use these topics as a starting point for exploring your results.

See 'Additional information about the survey' for interpretation guidance and details about the survey model.



50%

62%

Outcomes

Employee engagement

58

Job satisfaction

67%

Wellbeing

56%

Customer service

58%

+5 vs 2024

+5pp vs 2024

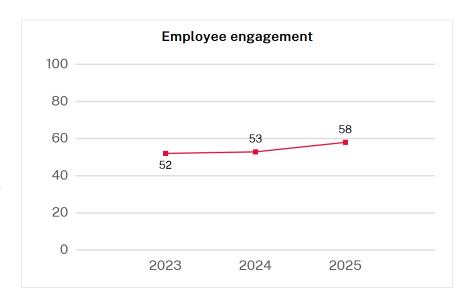
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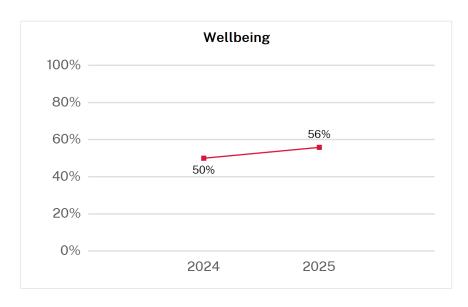
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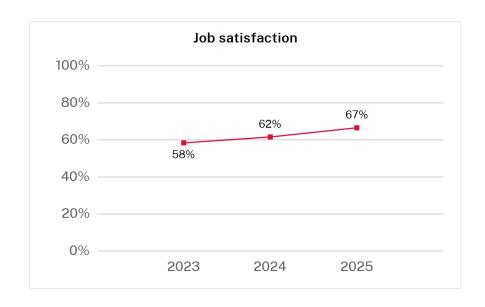
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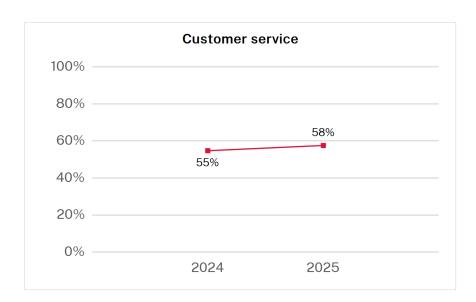
This page shows results for the past three years (2023-2025) for the key outcomes.

Comparing results side by side highlights changes over time, showing where progress has been made, where outcomes are stable, and where further focus may be needed.









Most and least improved questions

These are the most and least improved questions by difference from the previous year.

Consider why these scores have shifted. Was it due to actions taken in response to last year's survey results or something else?

Most improved que	estions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Pay	4	I am paid fairly for the work I do	56%	+23
Employee engagement	7 h	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	49%	+10
Health and safety	7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	65%	+8
Risk and innovation	7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	41%	+7
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	54%	+7

Least improved quest	ions		2025 % favourable	difference from 2024
Teamwork and collaboration	2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals	73%	-2
Customer service	2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	69%	-2
Inclusion and diversity	2b	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	77%	-1
Feedback and performance management	Зе	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	43%	-1
Employee voice	8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	61%	0

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Highest and lowest scoring questions

These are the questions with the highest and lowest % favourable scores. % favourable is based on the respondents who selected 'strongly agree' or 'agree'.

Questions with the	Questions with the highest favourable scores						
Ethics and values	7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation	96%	+1			
Ethics and values	7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace	94%	0			
Ethics and values	7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it	91%	0			
Other wellbeing	1m	I am able to adapt when changes occur	85%	+3			
Ethics and values	7o	I support my organisation's values	84%	+2			

Questions with the love	Questions with the lowest favourable scores				
Communication and change management	7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	24%	+4	
Action on survey results	9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	28%	-	
Action on survey results	9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	30%	+2	
Other wellbeing	1p	I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days (disagree)	35%	+1	
Other wellbeing	1o	I feel burned out by my work (disagree)	35%	+4	

Difference from (percentage point)

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Key drivers of engagement

The key driver analysis identifies questions with the strongest influence on your employees' engagement.

Key drivers are split into strengths (high correlation, high score) and priorities (high correlation, low score). Look for ways to maintain your strengths and improve your priorities.

Topic	Eng	agement key driver questions	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourabl	2025 % favourable	Action
Communication and change management	7p	I am supported through changes that affect my work	45	31	25	45%	Improve
Wellbeing	7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	54	2	22 24	54%	Improve
Role clarity and support	1b	I get the support I need to do my job well	58		19 23	58%	Improve
Other wellbeing	1q	I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work (disagree)	44	21	35	44%	Improve
Recognition	7m	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	41	25	34	41%	Improve
Communication and change management	7q	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	43	24	33	43%	Improve

Maintain (high correlation, high score) - Questions that have a high correlation with engagement and also have a high favourable score.

Improve (high correlation, low score) - Questions that have a high correlation with engagement but a low favourable score.

Monitor (low correlation, low score) - Questions that have a low correlation with engagement and a low favourable score.

Review (low correlation, high score) - Questions that have a low correlation with engagement but a high favourable score.

Manager

Managers are key in translating strategy into action, driving day-today performance, fostering engagement, and ensuring a safe, inclusive, and productive team environment.

This page shows all survey questions related to employees' managers, drawn from various thematic topics.

The term 'manager' refers to the person in the workgroup, team or project that the employee reports to.

Topic	Que	stions related to manager	Favourable Ne	utral <mark>Unfa</mark>	ourable/	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Communication and change management	5b	My manager communicates effectively with me	69	14	17	69%	0	-5	-4
Risk and innovation	5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	68	17	15	68%	+1	-7	-5
Employee voice	5c	My manager encourages and values employee input	67	16	17	67%	0	-8	-6
Recognition	5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	64	17	20	64%	0	-7	-6
Inclusion and diversity	5i	My manager supports my career advancement	63	22	15	63%	-	-3	-3
Employee voice	5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	61	17	21	61%	0	-9	-7
Job purpose and enrichment	5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	60	21	19	60%	+1	-8	-7
Flexible working	8h	My manager supports flexible working in my team	57	26	16	57%	+5	-10	-13

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Senior executives

Leadership is key in setting direction, executing strategy, shaping culture and capability, inspiring purpose, and delivering results.

The term 'senior executives' refers to the group of senior executives in your organisation, not an individual manager.

Topic	Ques	stions related to senior executives	Favourable	Neutral	Unfav	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Customer service	6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	58		25	17	58%	+4	-4	-3
Ethics and values	6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	48	2	8	24	48%	+4	-5	-4
Teamwork and collaboration	6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	47	3	31	22	47%	+4	-4	-5
Communication and change management	6а	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	40	29		31	40%	+5	-9	-5
Employee voice	6e	My senior executives listen to employees	36	27	3	37	36%	+5	-8	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

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Results by topic

Discover more about your results

Employee engagement

Employee engagement is about a person's connection to their organisation. It is a global measure of employee experience.

Many factors influence engagement: leadership, a positive and inclusive work culture, wellbeing, manager support, accountability, and flexible work to name a few.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourab	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Employee engagement (total score)*				58	+5	-6	-4
7i I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	61		23 1	⁷ 61%	+6	-6	-3
7j I feel a strong personal attachment to my organisation	58		24 18	58%	+5	-1	0
7h I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	49	2	7 24	49%	+10	-10	-6
7l My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	42	31	27	42%	+6	-12	-8
7k My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its goals	41	31	28	41%	+6	-11	-8

^{*}The 'Additional information about the survey' section explains how the engagement score is calculated

Difference from (percentage point)

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Job satisfaction

Like employee engagement, job satisfaction is a global measure of employee experience. While employee engagement operates at the organisational level, job satisfaction operates at the job or role level.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Job satisfaction (total score)				67 %	+5	-4	-3
1g My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	6	67	17 15	67%	+4	-5	-4
1h I am satisfied with my job	6	66	18 17	66%	+6	-2	-2

Difference from (percentage point)

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Wellbeing - overall

Wellbeing means feeling good, functioning well, and experiencing satisfaction and fulfilment in work and life.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfav	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Wellb	eing (total score)					56%	+6	-1	-2
7w	There are effective resources in my organisation to support employee wellbeing	65	5	17	18	65%	+8	+3	0
1l	In general, my sense of wellbeing is	54		32	13	54%	+4	-3	-3
7t	I am satisfied with current workplace practices to help me manage my wellbeing	54	2	22	24	54%	+7	-2	-3
1i	The amount of stress in my job is manageable	51	2	4	26	51%	+4	-4	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Other wellbeing questions

Wellbeing means feeling good, functioning well, and experiencing satisfaction and fulfilment in work and life.

1m I am able to adapt when changes occur	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Strongly disagree	1%	0	0	0
Disagree	3%	-1	+1	+1
Neither agree nor disagree	11%	-2	+1	+1
Agree	68%	-1	+2	+2
Strongly agree	18%	+4	-5	-4
1n What best describes your current workload?				
Well above capacity - too much work	19%	-	-1	+1
Slightly above capacity - lots of work to do	36%	-	0	+1
At capacity - about the right amount of work to do	35%	-	+1	0
Slightly below capacity - available for more work	8%	-	+1	-1
Well below capacity - not enough work	1%	-	0	-1
10 I feel burned out by my work				
Strongly disagree	7%	+1	-1	-2
Disagree	29%	+3	+1	-1
Neither agree nor disagree	28%	+5	0	0
Agree	26%	-2	+1	+2
Strongly agree	11%	-6	0	+1

Other wellbeing questions

The World Health Organisation has defined burnout as a syndrome resulting from chronic workplace stress which has not been properly managed.

These questions relate to the three dimensions of burnout: exhaustion, cynicism and reduced professional efficacy.

1p I feel mentally exhausted by my work on most days	2025	Difference from	Difference from	Difference from
	% respondents	2024	Sector	Portfolio
Strongly disagree	6%	+1	-1	-1
Disagree	28%	0	0	-2
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	+3	0	0
Agree	30%	+1	+2	+3
Strongly agree	11%	-4	-1	+1
1q I am struggling to maintain enthusiasm for my work				
Strongly disagree	10%	+1	0	-1
Disagree	34%	+3	0	-1
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	+1	-1	0
Agree	23%	-1	+1	+1
Strongly agree	12%	-4	+1	+1
1r I feel I am not as effective in my role as I used to be				
Strongly disagree	13%	+1	-1	-2
Disagree	37%	0	-1	-1
Neither agree nor disagree	19%	+1	-2	-1
Agree	21%	0	+2	+3
Strongly agree	10%	-3	+1	+1
% respondents who experienced all three dimensions of burnout	19%	-4	+2	+3

Customer service

Customer means the people who you or your organisation provide a service to.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Custo	omer service (total score)				58%	+3	-8	-4
2c	My workgroup considers customer needs when planning our work	69		20 1	⁰ 69%	-2	-9	-6
6d	My senior executives communicate the importance of customers in our work	58		25 17	58%	+4	-4	-3
7g	My organisation meets the needs of the communities, people, and/or businesses of NSW	58		26 16	58%	+7	-6	-4
7f	The processes in my organisation are designed to support the best experience for customers	44	30	6 20	44%	+3	-12	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

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Role clarity and support

Purpose and direction

An employee has role clarity when they understand their goals, how to achieve these goals, and how the goals link to broader strategy.

Employees also need the right support to deliver what is expected in their role such as time to do their job well, tools and technology, and training.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfa	vourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Role c	larity and support (total score)					63%	+4	-5	-4
1a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job		82		10 8	82%	+2	-2	0
1c	I have the tools and technology to do my job well	61		17	23	61%	+5	-7	-6
1b	I get the support I need to do my job well	58		19	23	58%	+4	-7	-5
1d	I have the time to do my job well	50	19)	31	50%	+5	-3	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Job purpose and enrichment

Purpose and direction

In addition to role clarity and support, employees are likely to feel more satisfied with their job when there is a clear sense of purpose and when it is enriched with characteristics such as skill variety, autonomy, and feedback.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavo	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Job p	urpose and enrichment (total score)					67 %	+2	-6	-5
1e	My job gives me opportunities to use a variety of skills		76	1	3 11	76%	+2	-4	-2
1f	I have a choice in deciding how I carry out day to day work tasks	6	66	15	19	66%	+5	-6	-6
5h	My manager communicates how my role contributes to my organisation's purpose	60)	21	19	60%	+1	-8	-7

Difference from (percentage point)

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Risk and innovation

Purpose and direction

Risk refers to the effect of uncertainty in achieving work goals and organisational objectives. Workplace risks can have negative or positive effects on your objectives.

Innovation means creating new and better products, processes services, and technologies to improve outcomes for the people of NSW.

A healthy risk appetite can help foster innovation.

		Favourable Neutral		Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Risk a	and innovation (total score)				64%	+3	-6	-4
1k	I know how to manage risks related to my role	82		13	82%	+2	0	0
5a	My manager encourages people in my workgroup to keep improving the work they do	6	88	17 15	68%	+1	-7	-5
7a	My organisation is making improvements to meet future challenges	41	27	32	41%	+7	-12	-8

Difference from (percentage point)

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Ethics and values

Purpose and direction

Ethics refer to the standards for morally right and wrong conduct. Ethical behaviours means behaving in ways that are ethical, lawful, build trust, and demonstrate the sector's core values.

Values are beliefs that guide and motivate attitudes and actions. An organisation's values are a set of guiding beliefs upon which the organisation is based. They help people function together as one and shape the way employees should operate and achieve outcomes.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Ethics	s and values (total score)				80%	+2	-1	-1
7v	I am aware of my obligations under the Code of Ethics and Conduct in my organisation		96		96%	+1	0	0
7r	I understand what ethical behaviour means within my workplace		94		94%	0	0	-1
7s	I would know how to report unethical behaviour if I became aware of it		91		91%	0	+2	+2
70	I support my organisation's values		84	12	84%	+2	-4	-3
7n	My organisation shows a commitment to ethical behaviours	6	69	18 13	69%	+3	-2	+2
6b	My senior executives model the values of my organisation	48	2	28 24	48%	+4	-5	-4

Difference from (percentage point)

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Teamwork and collaboration

Work environment

Delivering for the people of NSW requires agencies to work together and share knowledge internally and with other sectors.

Well executed collaboration enables agencies to share knowledge ideas, resources, skills, networks, and assets, leading to better outcomes for customers.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavou	rable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Team	work and collaboration (total score)					57 %	+1	-3	-2
2a	My workgroup works collaboratively to achieve its goals		73	14	13	73%	-2	-3	-2
7d	There is good co-operation between teams across my organisation	52	2	25	23	52%	+2	-4	0
6c	My senior executives promote collaboration between my organisation and other organisations we work with	47	3	31	22	47%	+4	-4	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Inclusion and diversity

Work environment

An inclusive workplace is one where all employees can participate and contribute. It is one where everyone feels valued, accepted, and supported to thrive at work.

	Favourable Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Inclusion and diversity (total score)			68%	-	-3	-1
2b People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	77	11 11	77%	-1	0	0
8c I feel culturally safe at work	71	18 11	71 %	0	-5	0
8d If I chose to, I would feel safe sharing personal aspects about myself at work	64	19 17	64%	+1	-4	0
8b I feel that I belong in my organisation	63	23 14	63%	+3	-4	-2
5i My manager supports my career advancement	63	22 15	63%	-	-3	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

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Flexible working

Work environment

Flexible working is about rethinking where, when, and how people work, in ways that maintain or improve service delivery for the people of NSW.

	Favourable N	leutral	Unfavo	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Flexible working (total score)					54 %	+5	-11	-13
8h My manager supports flexible working in my team	57		26	16	57%	+5	-10	-13
How satisfied are you with your ability to access and use flexible working arrangements?	50	3	31	19	50%	+5	-11	-13

Difference from (percentage point)

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Use of flexible working

Work environment

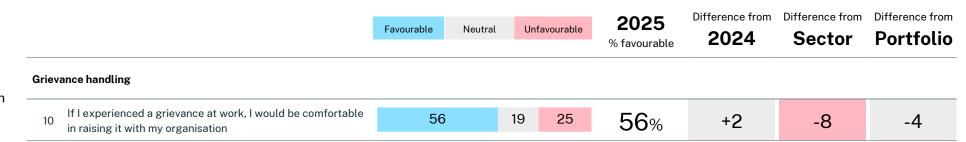
Flexible working is about rethinking where, when, and how people work, in ways that maintain or improve service delivery for the people of NSW.

8f Type of flexible working	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
I did not use any flexible working arrangements	47%	-1	+19	+22
Flexible start and finish times	35%	0	-8	-21
Working from home	24%	+3	-18	-30
Working from different locations	13%	+1	-7	-11
Flexible scheduling for rostered workers	11%	0	+4	+4
Working additional hours to make up for time off	11%	+1	-7	-6
Working more hours over fewer days	8%	0	-1	-2
Part-time work	5%	0	-8	-2
Other	3%	0	0	0
Leave without pay	2%	0	-7	-3
Purchasing annual leave	1%	0	-1	0
Job sharing	1%	0	-3	-1
Study leave	1%	0	-4	-1

Grievance handling

Work environment

A grievance is any type of problem, concern, dispute, or complaint related to work or the work environment which cannot be resolved through usual communication.



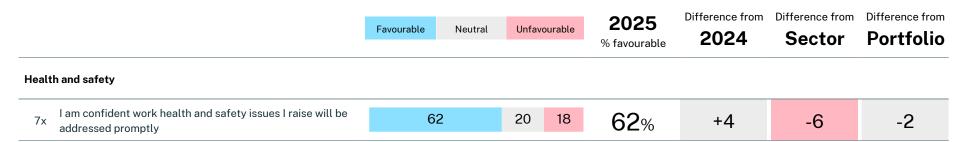
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Health and safety

Work environment

Work health and safety (WHS) involves the management of risks to the health and safety of everyone in your workplace. Health refers to both physical and psychological health.



Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

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Recruitment

Enabling practices

Recruitment refers to the process of attracting, screening, and onboarding people.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Recruitment							
7u My organisation follows a merit-based process for recruitment and promotion decisions	37	24	38	37%	-	-13	-7

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Learning and development

Enabling practices

Access to learning and development programs helps employees achieve their performance and career goals. Learning and development also help agencies to grow the right employee capabilities to deliver business outcomes.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfa	vourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Learn	ning and development (total score)					54 %	+3	-6	-2
1j	I have the opportunity to develop the skills that I need to do my job well	61		18	21	61%	+5	-5	-3
3f	I have received the training and development I need to do my job well	58		23	20	58%	+2	-5	-1
3g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for professional development in my organisation	44	22		34	44%	+2	-7	-2

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Mobility

Enabling practices

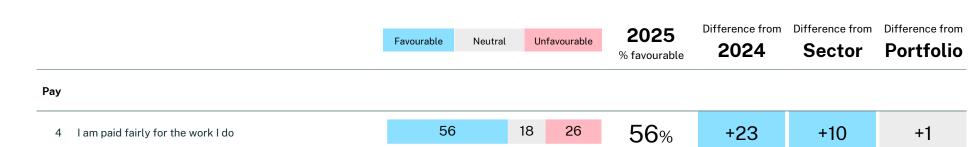
Having a mobile workforce makes it easier to redeploy resources to match priorities and respond to emerging issues.

Mobility is regarded as one of the best ways to develop leadership capability, provide enriching careers, and build and retain 'know how' in an organisation and the NSW public sector more broadly.

3h Are there barriers preventing you from moving to another role? If so, what are they?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
Personal / family considerations	33%	-4	+6	+3
Lack of promotion opportunities	32%	+4	-1	-1
Geographic location considerations	32%	-3	+9	+1
Lack of visible opportunities	30%	0	-1	-1
There are no major barriers to my career progression	24%	+2	-4	-1
Lack of support for temporary assignments / secondments	23%	0	+8	+3
The application / recruitment process is too cumbersome or time consuming	21%	0	0	-3
Insufficient training and development	19%	0	+4	+1
Lack of support from my manager / supervisor	18%	0	+5	+3
Lack of required capabilities or experience	13%	-1	+2	+1
Other	12%	0	+1	+1

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Pay Enabling practices



Difference from (percentage point)
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Recognition

Enabling practices

Recognition involves recognising employees' contributions and achievements in the workplace through formal and informal channels.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Reco	gnition (total score)				52 %	+2	-8	-6
5f	My manager provides recognition for the work I do	64		17 20	64%	0	-7	-6
7m	I receive adequate recognition for my contributions from my organisation	41	25	34	41%	+4	-9	-7

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Feedback and performance management

Enabling practices

Underpinning a high performance culture is an effective system for managing individual, team, and organisational performance.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Feedl	back and performance management (total score)				50 %	-	-9	-5
5g	I am confident my manager would appropriately deal with employees who perform poorly	55	1	8 27	55%	-	-6	-4
3d	In the last 12 months, I have received feedback to help me improve my work	53	2	1 26	53%	0	-10	-7
3e	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	43	29	28	43%	-1	-11	-5

Perfo	rmance management process	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
За	I have a performance and development plan that sets out my individual goals	40%	-2	-36	-20
3b	I have informal feedback conversations with my manager	70%	+1	-10	-7
3c	I have scheduled feedback conversations with my manager	43%	-1	-23	-15

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

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Decision making and accountability

Leadership

Decision making is the process of making choices by identifying a decision, gathering information, and assessing alternative resolutions.

Accountability is one of the four core NSW public sector values. It is about taking responsibility for decisions and actions. Accountability can add meaning to work and foster engagement.

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Decision making and accountability (total score)				5 1%	+1	-9	-5
5e I have confidence in the decisions my manager makes	(66		66%	0	-5	-4
7e People in my organisation take responsibility for their own actions	35	31	34	35%	+3	-14	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

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Communication and change management

Leadership

Effective communication is proactive and timely and focuses on the most important points. What do employees need to know and how does it affect them?

		Favourable	Neu	utral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Comr	nunication and change management (total score)					44%	+3	-10	-6
5b	My manager communicates effectively with me		69		14 17	69%	0	-5	-4
7р	I am supported through changes that affect my work	45		31	25	45%	+5	-11	-7
7q	I have the opportunity to provide feedback on change processes that directly affect me	43		24	33	43%	+4	-13	-7
6а	My senior executives provide clear direction for the future of the organisation	40		29	31	40%	+5	-9	-5
7b	Change is managed well in my organisation	24	29		47	24%	+4	-12	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Employee voice

Leadership

Ensuring employees feel like they can share a different view to others and be heard shifts the employee-employer relationship from a transactional one to an effective, dynamic one.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfav	ourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Empl	oyee voice (total score)					56%	+1	-7	-5
5c	My manager encourages and values employee input	(67	16	17	67%	0	-8	-6
8a	I am comfortable sharing a different view to others in my organisation	6	1	18	21	61%	0	-5	-4
5d	My manager involves my workgroup in decisions about our work	6	1	17	21	61%	0	-9	-7
6e	My senior executives listen to employees	36	27	3	37	36%	+5	-8	-5

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Negative workplace behaviours

In NSW public sector, we are committed to reducing and preventing negative workplace behaviours such as misconduct, bullying, sexual harassment, threats or physical harm, discrimination, and racism.

In the last 12 months, have you	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Portfolio
been aware of any misconduct in your organisation	19%	0	+5	0
witnessed bullying	18%	-1	-1	-3
experienced bullying	13%	-1	0	-1
witnessed sexual harassment	4%	+1	+2	+1
experienced sexual harassment	4%	-1	0	0
experienced threats or physical harm	1%	-16	-2	-1
witnessed discrimination	8%	-2	0	-2
experienced discrimination	6%	-3	0	-1
witnessed racism	4%	0	-1	-2
experienced racism	2%	-1	-1	-1

Definitions

- Misconduct: behaviour that is unethical, illegal, corrupt, or that breaches your organisation's code of conduct
- -Bullying: repeated unreasonable behaviour directed towards a worker or group of workers
- Sexual harassment: unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature that would offend, humiliate or intimidate someone
- Discrimination: when a person, or a group of people, is treated less favourably than another person or group because of their background or certain personal characteristics
- Racism: prejudice, discrimination or hatred directed at someone because of their colour, ethnicity or national origin



Action on survey results

Leadership

To improve employee experience, leaders at all levels should take on board employee feedback and act on the survey results.

Employees can become disengaged if they are asked their opinion and then no action takes place as a result.

		Favourable	Neutral	Unfavourable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Sector	Difference from Portfolio
Actio	n on survey results (total score)				29%	-	-6	-4
9b	I am confident my organisation will act on the results of this survey	30	30	40	30%	+2	-8	-5
9a	My organisation has made improvements based on the survey results from last year	28	41	31	28%	-	-3	-3

Difference from (percentage point)

+5 or more +4 to -4 -5 or less

Intention to stay

Intention to stay refers to an employee's desire and willingness to remain with their current organisation. Intention to stay can be influenced by many aspects of employee experience, including engagement.

Intention to stay is a leading indicator for turnover. However, intention doesn't always translate into action.

k How long do you think you will continue to work in your current organisation?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Less than 1 year	5%	-3	-2	-1
1 year to less than 2 years	5%	-2	-3	-2
2 years to less than 5 years	14%	-2	-6	-3
5 years to less than 10 years	24%	0	-2	-1
10 years to less than 20 years	31%	+3	+7	+4
More than 20 years	21%	+4	+5	+3
What best describes your plans involved with leaving your current organisation?				
I am planning to retire	12%	+5	-3	0
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in another NSW public sector organisation	31%	+1	+1	-6
I am applying for/intend to apply for roles in the private sector	29%	-9	+12	+13
I am applying for/intend to apply for new roles in the not for profit / community sector	r	-	-	_
It is the end of my non-ongoing, casual or contracted employment	r	-	-	-
Other	24%	+3	-2	+1

Intention to stay

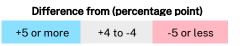
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21m What is the primary reason behind your desire to leave your current organi	sation? (top 5 reasons)	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Sector	Portfolio
Senior leadership is of a poor quality		41%	+1	+15	+11
There are a lack of future career opportunities in my organisation		35%	+4	0	0
I am emotionally exhausted		26%	0	+8	+5
I am not satisfied with the work		19%	-6	+2	+2
My immediate supervisor's leadership is of a poor quality		18%	+5	+3	+2

NSW Police questions

	Favourable	Neutral	Unfavou	ırable	2025 % favourable	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
NSW Police questions							
I observe my peers treating people respectfully at work		81		11 8	81%	0	0
I observe my peers showing trust and keeping their word at work	7	'3	16	11	73%	+3	0
I observe my peers take pride in their work	7	0	17	12	70%	+5	0
I observe my leaders being authentic and empathic to our community and the people they serve	68	3	17	15	68%	+4	0
How likely are you to recommend your Command to a friend or colleague as a good place to work?	63		18	19	63%	+6	0
How would you rate the effectiveness of the team leaders/supervisors in your Command, in driving a positive workplace culture?	61		22	17	61%	+4	0
I observe my leaders recognise, develop, and appreciate the people at work	60		17	23	60%	+5	0
How would you rate the effectiveness of the Senior Leadership Team in your Command, in driving a positive workplace culture?	52	2	23 2	25	52%	+4	0
How would you rate the effectiveness of your Culture Action Group in driving positive cultural change?	42	33		25	42 %	+4	0



NSW Police questions

Which of the following best describes your position within the organisation?	2025 % respondents	Difference from 2024	Difference from Portfolio
Clerk Grade 1/2 to 5/6	13%	-1	0
Clerk Grade 7/8 to 9/10	6%	+1	0
Clerk Grade 11/12	1%	0	0
Probationary Constable to Senior Constable	39%	-3	0
Sergeant & Senior Sergeant	18%	+1	0
Inspector & Chief Inspector	5%	0	0
Superintendent & Chief Superintendent	1%	0	0
Police Force Senior Executive	1%	0	0
Other	3%	0	0
Prefer not to say	13%	+2	0

People Matter Employee Survey

Results by child unit and demographic group

Discover if employees in different groups have different views

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Respondent profile

This section provides a snapshot of survey respondents. Use it to assess whether the respondent group reflects your broader organisation or team.

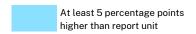
Gender	% respondents
Woman or female	32
Man or male	54
Non-binary	0.4
Use a different term	0.2
Prefer not to answer	14
Age	
15-34 years	24
35-54 years	49
55+ years	9
Prefer not to answer	17
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	
Yes	3
No	84
Prefer not to answer	13
LOTE spoken at home	_
Yes	12
No	78
Prefer not to answer	10
Cultural minority	
Yes	10
No	75
Prefer not to answer	15
Disability	
Yes	4
No	87
Prefer not to answer	10

LGBQA+	% respondents	Frontline / Non-frontline	% respondents
Yes	6	Frontline	60
No	78	Non-frontline	40
I don't know	1		
Prefer not to answer	15	Type of work	
Trans or gender diverse		Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	60
Yes	0.4	Other service delivery work	5
No	87	Administrative support	7
I don't know	1	Corporate services	7
Prefer not to answer	12	Policy	1
		Research	0.4
Person with an intersex variation		Program and project management	2
Yes	0.2	support	_
No	88	Legal	3
Prefer not to answer	12	Other	15
Working arrangement		Salary	
Full-time	95	\$97,026 and below	15
Part-time	5	\$97,027 - \$125,692	28
		\$125,693 - \$168,129	36
Caring responsibilities		\$168,130 and above	8
Yes	52	Prefer not to answer	14
No	38		
Prefer not to answer	10	Employment status	
		Senior executive	1
Organisation tenure		Ongoing / permanent	91
Less than 1 year	5	Temporary	3
1 year to less than 2 years	5	Casual	r
2 years to less than 5 years	14	Contract-non-executive	2
5 years to less than 10 years	17	Labour hire	r
10 years to less than 20 years	30	Other	1
More than 20 years	29	Don't know	2

Selected key topic results by child unit

This shows some key topic scores for the organisational units that sit one level below the report unit. These units are called child units.

	Report total	Commissioners Group	Corporate Services	Investigations & Counter Terrorism	Metropolitan Field Operations	Regional NSW Field Operations
Employee engagement	58	66	64	60	56	55
Wellbeing	56%	66%	67%	62%	51%	49%
Role clarity and support	63%	75%	69%	69%	59%	58%
Inclusion and diversity	68%	75%	69%	70%	67%	66%
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	68%	58%	63%	55%	55%
Learning and development	54%	60%	56%	58%	54%	51%
Communication and change management	44%	57%	52%	47%	41%	40%
Employee voice	56%	72%	61%	60%	53%	53%



Within 5 percentage points of the report unit

At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

Selected key topic results by select demographics

	Report total	Woman or female	Man or male	Non-binary	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	People with disability	People who identify as LGBTIQA+	People who speak a language other than English	15-34 years	35-54 years	55+ years	Caring responsibilities*	Cultural minority
Employee engagement	58	63	59	49	51	54	57	64	60	60	65	58	62
Wellbeing	56%	63%	57%	36%	46%	44%	56%	63%	57%	59%	66%	57%	62%
Role clarity and support	63%	69%	64%	42%	56%	54%	61%	70%	63%	66%	72%	64%	68%
Inclusion and diversity	68%	72%	70%	48%	57%	57%	67%	68%	72%	71%	69%	69%	67%
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	60%	60%	33%	48%	49%	55%	61%	59%	60%	64%	59%	60%
Learning and development	54%	60%	57%	40%	44%	41%	53%	59%	58%	57%	61%	55%	57%
Communication and change management	44%	50%	45%	24%	36%	36%	41%	54%	49%	46%	50%	44%	51%
Employee voice	56%	61%	59%	37%	47%	49%	56%	61%	59%	60%	61%	58%	60%

At least 5 percentage points higher than report unit

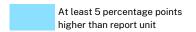
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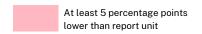
^{*} See interpretation guide for the definition of who is included in this group

Selected key topic results by type of work

	Report total	Frontline	Non-frontline	Service delivery involving direct contact with the public	Other service delivery work	Administrative support	Corporate services	Policy	Research	Program and project management support	Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation)	Other
Employee engagement	58	56	62	56	62	67	69	58	57	64	62	57
Wellbeing	56%	52%	64%	52%	67%	69%	75%	70%	68%	69%	60%	53%
Role clarity and support	63%	60%	68%	60%	71%	74%	77%	68%	61%	70%	63%	61%
Inclusion and diversity	68%	68%	69%	68%	72%	72%	75%	73%	69%	71%	73%	62%
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	57%	59%	57%	64%	62%	66%	61%	56%	64%	64%	52%
Learning and development	54%	53%	57%	53%	59%	62%	63%	63%	45%	56%	58%	51%
Communication and change management	44%	41%	50%	41%	49%	56%	59%	50%	45%	48%	49%	43%
Employee voice	56%	55%	60%	55%	62%	62%	69%	67%	55%	64%	63%	52%

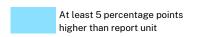


Within 5 percentage points of the report unit



Selected key topic results by organisation tenure

	Report total	Less than 1 year	1 year to less than 2 years	2 years to less than 5 years	5 years to less than 10 years	10 years to less than 20 years	More than 20 years
Employee engagement	58	75	71	61	53	54	60
Wellbeing	56%	79%	73%	59%	49%	50%	60%
Role clarity and support	63%	81%	75%	63%	56%	58%	68%
Inclusion and diversity	68%	82%	78%	71%	64%	64%	70%
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	76%	66%	58%	50%	54%	61%
Learning and development	54%	75%	64%	53%	49%	52%	58%
Communication and change management	44%	70%	61%	49%	39%	39%	44%
Employee voice	56%	77%	68%	59%	50%	53%	59%

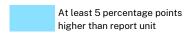


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At least 5 percentage points lower than report unit

Selected key topic results by geographic region (continued)

	Report total	Metro	Regional	Sydney East	Sydney West	Capital Region	Central Coast	Central West	Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Far West and Orana	Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle
Employee engagement	58	60	57	58	61	58	62	59	r	53	51
Wellbeing	56%	60%	53%	58%	62%	55%	60%	58%	r	53%	45%
Role clarity and support	63%	66%	60%	64%	68%	63%	62%	62%	r	57%	48%
Inclusion and diversity	68%	70%	67%	69%	71%	68%	76%	72%	r	65%	60%
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	60%	56%	58%	61%	57%	61%	57%	r	51%	50%
Learning and development	54%	57%	53%	56%	59%	60%	59%	57%	r	48%	43%
Communication and change management	44%	47%	43%	45%	49%	43%	54%	44%	r	39%	33%
Employee voice	56%	59%	56%	57%	61%	56%	63%	62%	r	53%	47%

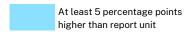


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Selected key topic results by geographic region

	Report total	Illawarra	Mid North Coast	Murray	New England and North West	Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Richmond - Tweed	Riverina	Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Outside of NSW
Employee engagement	58	58	59	52	52	55	60	59	58	r
Wellbeing	56%	54%	50%	42%	46%	49%	54%	55%	52%	r
Role clarity and support	63%	66%	58%	65%	59%	56%	58%	63%	63%	r
Inclusion and diversity	68%	68%	68%	55%	60%	65%	66%	64%	72%	r
Teamwork and collaboration	57%	57%	59%	50%	52%	57%	57%	55%	65%	r
Learning and development	54%	61%	51%	46%	47%	51%	48%	50%	57%	r
Communication and change management	44%	44%	41%	31%	37%	36%	39%	47%	50%	r
Employee voice	56%	54%	53%	45%	53%	52%	56%	57%	69%	r



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People Matter Employee Survey

Additional information about the survey

Discover more about how the survey works and how to act on results



Survey model

The People Matter Employee Survey provides an important opportunity for more than 400,000 people to have a say about their workplace and to help make the public sector a better place to work.

The survey asks employees about their experiences with their work, workgroup, managers, and organisation. Their experiences are grouped into management practices and reported under 4 domains:

- Purpose and direction
- Work environment
- Enabling practices
- Leadership

All of these practices positively contribute towards employee and organisational outcomes, including employee engagement, job satisfaction, wellbeing, and customer service.

Purpose and direction	Work environment	Enabling practices	Leadership	Outcomes
Role clarity and support	Teamwork and collaboration	Recruitment	Decision making and accountability	Employee engagement
Job purpose and enrichment	Inclusion and diversity	Learning and development	Communication and change management	Job satisfaction
Risk and innovation	Flexible working	Pay	Employee voice	Wellbeing
Ethics and values	Grievance handling	Recognition	Action on survey results	Customer service
	Health and safety	Feedback and performance management		

Interpretation guide

Privacy

Responses from individual employees are confidential. Strict rules protect privacy at every stage of the survey process. These reports only show the results for a group of employees (i.e. a workgroup or demographic group) when there are 10 or more responses for the group.

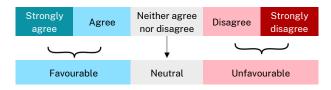
Headline Results - Key topics

Due to changes in the survey questions some topics do not have a comparison to the previous year. Where a comparison is available, the change is displayed in the box.

To improve clarity, survey questions that previously sat under multiple topics have now been assigned to a single, most relevant thematic topic. As a result, previous years' topic scores have been recalculated and may differ slightly from past reports.

% favourable calculation

Most scores are shown as % favourable, which is the sum of the 'strongly agree' and 'agree' percentages.



% favourable scores are colour coded based on these ranges:



Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading. Values are rounded down if their first decimal number is less than 5. Values are rounded up if their first decimal number is equal to or greater than 5. Due to rounding, results will not always add up to 100%. Difference scores may appear to be slightly different to values derived from subtracting rounded numbers, usually within 1%.

Methodology - Burnout questions (disagree)

Burnout (disagree) questions are reported using a 5-point Likert scale from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'. For negatively framed questions, lower scores ('strongly disagree' and 'disagree') indicate more favourable responses (less burnout), while higher scores ('agree' and 'strongly agree') indicate less favourable scores (more burnout). To interpret the results, the further responses are towards 'strongly disagree', the less burnout is reported; the further towards 'strongly agree', the more burnout is reported.

Employee engagement score calculation

Each person who answered all five employee engagement questions gets an employee engagement score. Each answer is assigned a score as follows:

100 to 'strongly agree'

75 to 'agree'

50 to 'neither agree nor disagree'

25 to 'disagree'

0 to 'strongly disagree'

The employee's engagement score is calculated as the average of the 5 question scores. Employees' scores are then averaged to calculate a team or organisation engagement score.

Difference scores

Difference scores are displayed as a percentage point where available. Differences are colour coded based on these ranges:



A '-' represents there is no applicable comparison available.

Sector: The NSW public sector as a whole, including all NSW Government employees who participated in the survey.

Portfolio: NSW Government departments and organisations are grouped into 12 portfolios. See cover page for details.

Interpretation guide

Key driver analysis

Key drivers are split into strengths (high correlation, high score) and priorities (high correlation, low score). We recommend looking for ways to maintain your strengths and improve your priority areas.

Experience tells us that a successful response to survey results requires focus on key priorities. The key driver analysis, which uses statistical techniques including Pearson's correlation analysis, identifies individual questions with the strongest influence on your employee engagement score.

Metro and Regional

The survey collects suburb and postcode data which is mapped to the Statistical Areas 4 (SA4) geographical from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) geographical framework. They are the largest sub-state regions in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard.

Metro includes all Sydney SA4s and is divided into Sydney East and Sydney West.

Sydney East includes Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Ryde and Sydney - Sutherland SA4s.

Sydney West includes Sydney – Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney – Blacktown, Sydney – Outer South West, Sydney – Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney – Parramatta and Sydney – South West SA4s.

Regional includes Capital Region; Central Coast; Central West; Coffs Harbour–Grafton, Far West and Orana; Hunter Valley excluding Newcastle; Illawarra; Mid North Coast; Murray; New England and North West; Newcastle and Lake Macquarie; Richmond – Tweed; Riverina; and Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven SA4s.

Frontline and Non-frontline

Frontline roles are those where employees spend at least 70% of their time delivering services directly to members of the public. In the PMES, frontline and non-frontline status is determined by responses to the question: "Which of the following best describes the work you do?"

Frontline is defined as 'Service delivery involving direct contact with the public (e.g., teaching, nursing, policing, shopfront / counter service, train driver, customer service)'.

Non-frontline includes all other types of work:

- Other service delivery work (work that does not involve contact with the public, but it is critical to the delivery of a service, e.g., maintenance, technical support catering, cleaning, laundry)
- Administrative support (e.g., executive / personal assistant, receptionist)
- Corporate services (e.g., HR, finance, IT, ministerial or parliamentary processes)
- Policy
- Research
- Program and project management support
- Legal (including developing and/or reviewing legislation) or
- Other

Caring responsibilities

These are employees who selected at least one of the below options from the question; 'Do you have caring responsibilities outside of work?'

- Yes, for a child
- Yes, for a child who needs support due to disability, chronic illness, mental illness or other circumstances
- Yes, for an adult who needs support due to disability, chronic illness, mental illness, dementia, frail age or other circumstances



Action planning

We are all responsible for building a world class public service. Improving employee experience is one way to work towards this goal.

Survey communication and action planning: Leaders are encouraged to share and discuss survey results with employees, and start thinking about actions using the template below. In addition to PMES results, you should consider work context and internal business data (e.g. turnover data). You should implement and monitor your plan, either on its own or as part of a broader organisational improvement strategy.

T	CELEBRATE	2	INVESTIGATE FURTHER WITH OUR TEAMS		4	OPPORTUNITIES
The things we do well:			y other opportunities coming out of we want to explore further?	the	Areas we need to	focus on and turn into action plans:
Think about how we can build or what we are good at.	our strengths and learn from		investigate? Through looking at the data through discussions with staff?	in in	What are the key thin here better?	ngs we need to improve to make working

PRIORITISE 3 AREAS FOR ACTION	TIMESCALES	OWNER	RESOURCES REQUIRED	TARGET / SUCCESS MEASURE
01.				
02.				
03.				