

# Working for Queensland survey

## **Energy & Water Ombudsman Queensland**

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## **Highlight Report**



#### **Purpose**

The Highlight Report presents key results from the 2017 Working for Queensland survey, which was conducted from late July to late August 2017. Results reflect the respondents from your agency.

#### Note on the response rate

The displayed response rate was calculated using statistical workforce data (Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information).

## **Reporting Framework**

All highlight reports include two different types of analysis, each of which provides a different lens through which to understand organisational climate and workplace improvement in your agency.

## Strategic priorities: driver analysis

The first type of analysis is driver analysis, which is focused on survey results at the agency level. Driver analysis is designed to provide an understanding of the key drivers of three strategic priorities for your agency – agency engagement, organisational leadership and innovation.

The purpose of this analysis is to inform strategy development and resource investment across your agency.

Job empowerment

Workload and health

Learning and development

My workgroup

My manager

Organisational fairness

Anti-discrimination

Agency engagement

Organisational leadership

Innovation

## **Workplace climate**

The second type of analysis relates to the workplace climate indices, which is focused on the workgroup level. The workplace climate indices have been grouped by topic so they more closely align with the way work, roles and responsibilities are broken up across agencies.

The index scores are reported as a per cent positive, which is the percentage of people who responded positively to all items in that index.

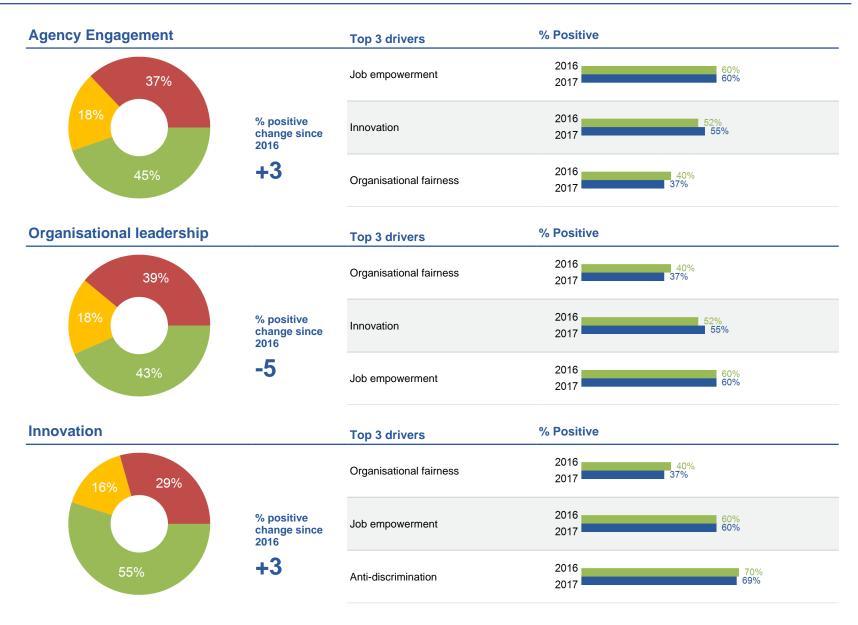
The purpose of this information is to provide workgroups with insight into their strengths and weaknesses by topic, so that the information can be easily discussed and actioned at the workgroup level.



## 01 Driver analysis scorecard

#### **Purpose**

This section provides an overview of the drivers of the strategic priorities (agency engagement, organisational leadership and innovation) in your agency.



COMPARISONS:	At least 5 percent G	SREATER At	least 5 percent LESS
RESPONSE SCALE :	POSITIVE	NEUTRAL	NEGATIVE
QUINTILES:	1 & 2	3	4 & 5

## 02 Factors

## **Purpose**

This section provides an overview of your agency's 2017 strategic priorities\* and factor results. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and other agency results, as well as being compared with the previous year's results.

Understanding your agency's data, across time and in relation to the Queensland public sector, will enable your agency to assess its progress in workplace improvement.

	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector	Range of all agencies	Your agency quintile	
Agency engagement*	45	18	37	45%	+3	-14	41 - 82	5
Job empowerment	60	16	25	60%	0	-12	60 - 86	5
Workload and health % positive indicates those who have limited to no issues with workload and health	49	25	25	49%	-15	+10	29 - 68	1
Learning and development	38	20	42	38%	+9	-18	33 - 82	5
My workgroup	58	20	22	58%	-11	-18	58 - 92	5
My manager	60	12	28	60%	-10	-11	57 - 84	5
Organisational leadership*	43	18	39	43%	-5	-8	29 - 85	4
Organisational fairness	37	23	40	37%	-3	-6	26 - 67	5
Anti-discrimination	69	18	13	69%	0	+3	48 - 96	3
Innovation*	55	16	29	55%	+3	-5	46 - 89	5

# COMPARISONS: At least 5 percent GREATER At least 5 percent LESS RESPONSE SCALE: POSITIVE NEUTRAL NEGATIVE QUINTILES: 1 & 2 3 4 & 5

## 03 Workplace climate

## **Purpose**

This section provides an overview of your agency's workplace climate index results. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and other agency results, as well as being compared with the previous year's results.

Understanding your agency's data, across time and in relation to the Queensland public sector, will enable your agency to assess its progress in workplace improvement.

Please note index data will be impacted by the inclusion of new items to the 2017 survey. The indicies impacted are marked with \*. Please treat all 2016 to 2017 trend data indicatively.

	Res	sponse scale	(%)	% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector	Range of all agencies	Your agency quintile
Safety, health and wellness*	48	25	27	48%	-13	-6	43 - 82	5
■ Effectiveness and innovation*	52	22	26	52%	-3	-5	49 - 77	5
People and relationships	56	20	23	56%	-10	-20	56 - 92	5
Fairness and trust*	55	19	27	55%	-2	-4	46 - 78	5
Performance and development	41	21	38	41%	+3	-15	41 - 74	5
Leadership and engagement	51	15	34	51%	-5	-11	49 - 81	5
My job	58	15	27	58%	-2	-19	58 - 89	5

<sup>\*</sup> Index impacted by the addition of new survey items in 2017

#### **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Safety, health and wellness	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector	
Q23a	l am overloaded with work % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	48	33	18	48%	-25	+17
Q23b	I feel burned out by my work % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	64	15	21	64%	-3	+21
Q23e	My work has a negative impact on my health % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	36	27	36	36%	-17	-9
Q23f	My work contributes positively to my quality of life*	24	33	42	24%	-	-20
Q24h	People in my workgroup are committed to workplace safety	68	15	18	68%	+6	-14
Q24j	People in my workgroup work together to ensure flexible work arrangements meet both individual and business needs*	56	12	32	56%	-	-11
Q25b	My workplace culture supports people to achieve a good work/life balance	53	12	35	53%	0	-9
Q25c	There is adequate focus on workplace safety at my workplace	65	18	18	65%	+11	-14

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

RESPONSE SCALE :

# 04 Workplace climate by item

## **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Safety, health and wellness (cont.)	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector	
Q29h	My manager proactively discusses flexible work arrangements*	26	41	32	26%	-	-23
Q31g	In my organisation, senior leaders clearly consider the wellbeing of employees to be important*	41	26	32	41%	-	-10
Q31h	The wellbeing of employees is a priority for my organisation*	35	35	29	35%	-	-14
Q31j	My commitment to this organisation would be questioned if I chose to use flexible work options* % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	62	21	18	62%	-	+21
Q34e	Your work-life balance % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	53	32	15	53%	-13	-11
Q34g	Your ability to access and use flexible work arrangements* % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	41	24	35	41%	-	-14

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

## 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Effectiveness and innovation	Resp	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q22b	I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	68	15	18	68%	+1	-3
Q22c	I get the information I need to do my job well	50	18	32	50%	-17	-17
Q22d	I have the authority necessary to do my job effectively	71	9	21	71%	+4	+1
Q23c	I feel my job is secure	67	27	6	67%	+17	+9
Q23d	There is too much 'red tape' in my work (e.g. Regulatory or administrative processes) % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	21	30	48	21%	-19	+2
Q24k	People in my workgroup share diverse ideas to develop innovative solutions*	38	32	29	38%	-	-27
Q25d	Approval processes at my workplace are excessive % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	15	21	64	15%	-5	-4
Q25e	Disruptions and/or noise at my workplace make it hard to get things done % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	47	18	35	47%	-3	+2
Q26a	My workplace has undergone significant change in the past 12 months	62	24	15	62%	+8	+10

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

# 04 Workplace climate by item *(cont.)*

## **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Effectiveness and innovation (cont.)	Response scale (%)			% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q27a	I get the opportunity to develop new and better ways of doing my job	56	3	41	56%	+23	-2
Q27b	I am encouraged to make suggestions about improving work processes and/or services	68	12	21	68%	+11	0
Q27c	Management is willing to act on suggestions to improve how things are done	53	18	29	53%	0	0
Q27d	My workgroup uses research and expertise to identify better practice	44	26	29	44%	-16	-11
Q27e	My workgroup always tries to improve its performance	50	21	29	50%	-20	-20
Q27f	My organisation is open to new ideas	59	15	26	59%	+22	+4
Q34c	Your physical working environment % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	53	32	15	53%	-16	-16
Q34d	The location of your work % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	65	32	3	65%	-18	-13
Q34f	Your ability to 'make a difference' to the community % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	50	41	9	50%	-5	-14

RESPONSE SCALE :

## 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

	People and relationships	Resp	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q24a	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	50	18	32	50%	-23	-24
Q24b	I receive help and support from other people in my workgroup	59	26	15	59%	-28	-24
Q24c	People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	50	21	29	50%	-10	-17
Q24d	People in my workgroup use their time and resources efficiently	50	18	32	50%	+17	-14
Q24e	People in my workgroup treat customers with respect	67	18	15	67%	-10	-19
Q24f	People in my workgroup are committed to delivering excellent service to customers	71	18	12	71%	-9	-12
Q24g	People in my workgroup do their jobs effectively	59	24	18	59%	-10	-16
Q24i	People in my workgroup work effectively with other workgroups in my organisation to deliver services to our customers	47	21	32	47%	-6	-31

RESPONSE SCALE :

# 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Fairness and trust	Respo		Response scale (%)		vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q25a	My workplace has an inclusive culture where diversity is valued and respected	56	9	35	56%	-4	-17
Q25f	Performance is assessed and rewarded fairly in my workplace	29	29	41	29%	-1	-6
Q25g	I am confident that poor performance will be appropriately addressed in my workplace	30	24	45	30%	-3	-8
Q25h	People are treated fairly and consistently in my workplace	44	15	41	44%	-3	-7
Q25i	People take responsibility for their decisions and actions in my workplace	41	21	38	41%	+5	-11
Q25j	I am able to speak up and share a different view to my colleagues and manager*	53	15	32	53%	-	-18
Q30a	My senior manager demonstrates honesty and integrity	56	24	21	56%	-13	-14
Q31e	Recruitment and promotion decisions in this organisation are fair	41	26	32	41%	-14	+4

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

## Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

This section provides your agency's workplace climate index results by item. This data is benchmarked against the Queensland public sector and is compared with the previous year's results.

	Fairness and trust (cont.)	Resp	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q31i	My responsibilities outside of work restrict my opportunities for promotion* % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement	62	21	18	62%	-	+9
Q32a	Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	71	12	18	71%	-5	+5
Q32b	Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	65	12	24	65%	-8	-5
Q32c	Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	68	21	12	68%	+12	+11
Q32d	Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	71	24	6	71%	-2	+1
Q32e	Sexual orientation is not a barrier to success in my organisation	74	21	6	74%	+1	+4
Q32f	If I raised a complaint, I feel confident that it would be taken seriously	50	15	35	50%	-5	-4
Q32g	Women and men have equal access to work experiences that support career progression*	62	18	21	62%	-	-5

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

RESPONSE SCALE :

# 04 Workplace climate by item *(cont.)*

## **Purpose**

	Performance and development	Resp	Response scale (%)		% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q28a	I receive useful feedback on my performance	59	9	32	59%	+9	+2
Q28b	My performance is assessed against clear criteria	47	24	29	47%	-13	-4
Q28c	In my organisation, there are opportunities for me to develop my skills and knowledge	44	18	38	44%	+14	-19
Q28d	I am encouraged to pursue developmental opportunities in other workplaces	24	32	44	24%	+7	-17
Q28e	I am able to access relevant learning and development opportunities	38	21	41	38%	+12	-24
Q28f	Learning and development activities I have completed in the past 12 months have helped to improve my performance	31	28	41	31%	-1	-28
Q28g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development	24	21	56	24%	+7	-21
Q28h	I have had productive conversations with my manager on my performance in the past 12 months	44	18	38	44%	-16	-11
Q28i	I develop new knowledge and skills through undertaking tasks at work	47	24	29	47%	-6	-25
Q31b	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	50	15	35	50%	+14	-2

## 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

#### **Purpose**



# 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

	Leadership and engagement (cont.)	Resp	onse sca	ıle (%)	% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q31c	Management model the behaviours expected of all employees	35	26	38	35%	-13	-14
Q31d	In my organisation, the leadership operates with a high level of integrity	50	12	38	50%	-9	-4
Q31f	My organisation is well managed	47	15	38	47%	-5	0
Q33a	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	47	12	41	47%	-1	-14
Q33b	I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	53	18	29	53%	-6	-14
Q33c	I feel strong personal attachment to my organisation	35	29	35	35%	+1	-24
Q33d	My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	47	12	41	47%	+9	-6
Q33e	My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	41	21	38	41%	+10	-12

RESPONSE SCALE :

# 04 Workplace climate by item (cont.)

## **Purpose**

	My job	Resp	onse sca	ıle (%)	% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Q21a	I understand what is expected of me to do well in my job	82	3	15	82%	-4	-7
Q21b	I understand how my work contributes to my organisation's objectives	82	9	9	82%	-8	-8
Q22a	I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	59	24	18	59%	+15	-9
Q22e	My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	56	12	32	56%	+3	-19
Q22f	I enjoy the work in my current job	50	24	26	50%	-3	-26
Q22g	My job gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment	38	26	35	38%	-8	-31
Q34a	The degree to which your work is interesting/challenging % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	50	9	41	50%	+5	-26
Q34b	Your ability to work on your own initiative % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	56	18	26	56%	-6	-24
Q35	All things considered, how satisfied are you with your current job? % positive indicates those who responded with "very satisfied" or "satisfied"	52	9	39	52%	-8	-21

## 05 Most changed since 2016, by item

### **Purpose**

This section identifies your agency's areas of improvement and highlights good news stories, while also identifying areas that may need attention.

#### NOTE:

Survey items in scope for this section were single response non-demographic questions that were asked of all respondents in 2017 as well as in 2016 and that excluded a 'na' option. 'My workplace has undergone significant change in the past 12 months' has not been included in the analysis.

The survey items with the most positive change	Index	% positive 2017	vs 2016
I get the opportunity to develop new and better ways of doing my job	Effectiveness and innovation	56%	+23
My organisation is open to new ideas	Effectiveness and innovation	59%	+22
I feel my job is secure	Effectiveness and innovation	67%	+17
People in my workgroup use their time and resources efficiently	People and relationships	50%	+17
I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	My job	59%	+15

The survey items with the most negative change	Index	% positive 2017	vs 2016
I receive help and support from other people in my workgroup	People and relationships	59%	-28
I am overloaded with work % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement i.e. limited to no issues with overload	Safety, health and wellness	48%	-25
People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	People and relationships	50%	-23
My manager understands my work	Leadership and engagement	62%	-21
My workgroup always tries to improve its performance	Effectiveness and innovation	50%	-20

## 06 Leadership behaviour in your agency: Team Leader

## **Purpose**

This section focuses on leadership behaviours as outlined in the Queensland Public Service Workforce Capability Success Profile.

The leadership behaviours change depending on the leadership level of the respondent's manager or direct supervisor.

Leadership levels are defined as follows:

- Team leader: manages individuals
- Program manager: manages multiple teams/projects
- Senior officer: manages program managers
- Executive: salary over \$150,000

#### **POSITIVE IMPACT**

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours, displayed by your direct manager, that have the greatest positive impact on engaging you in your work

Encourages a strong customer and stakeholder focus	39%	+13
Applies sound business management skills	33%	+19
Supports their team to adapt to change	33%	+6
Delegates work effectively and monitors performance	28%	+4
Describes how their team's work aligns to organisational objectives	28%	+10
Demonstrates sound judgment	22%	-5
Upholds ethical standards and principles	22%	-9
Actively seeks feedback for personal development	17%	+9
Implements improved ways of doing things	17%	-3
Builds effective working relationships with others	11%	-18
Empowers their team to perform at their best	6%	-26
Responds confidently when faced with uncertainty	6%	-19
Takes responsibility for team development	6%	-11

#### SUCCESSION

Which three of the following leadership behaviours do you think are MOST important for YOU to demonstrate your readiness for promotion?

Empowers their team to perform at their best	44%	+9
Actively seeks feedback for personal development	39%	+18
Builds effective working relationships with others	33%	-6
Responds confidently when faced with uncertainty	33%	+7
Demonstrates sound judgment	28%	-2
Implements improved ways of doing things	22%	-3
Upholds ethical standards and principles	22%	-5
Applies sound business management skills	17%	+2
Encourages a strong customer and stakeholder focus	17%	-2
Takes responsibility for team development	17%	-2
Delegates work effectively and monitors performance	11%	-7
Supports their team to adapt to change	6%	-13
Describes how their team's work aligns to organisational objectives	0%	-9

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## 06 Leadership behaviour in your agency: Team Leader (cont.)

#### **Purpose**

This section focuses on leadership behaviours as outlined in the Queensland Public Service Workforce Capability Success Profile.

The leadership behaviours change depending on the leadership level of the respondent's manager or direct supervisor.

Leadership levels are defined as follows:

- Team leader: manages individuals
- Program manager: manages multiple teams/projects
- Senior officer: manages program managers
- Executive: salary over \$150,000

#### **DEMONSTRATED**

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours that you see most frequently demonstrated by your direct manager

Encourages a strong customer and stakeholder focus	35%	+8
Delegates work effectively and monitors performance	29%	+6
Describes how their team's work aligns to organisational objectives	29%	+11
Implements improved ways of doing things	29%	+10
Applies sound business management skills	24%	+6
Demonstrates sound judgment	24%	-6
Supports their team to adapt to change	24%	-2
Takes responsibility for team development	24%	+6
Responds confidently when faced with uncertainty	18%	-7
Upholds ethical standards and principles	18%	-14
Empowers their team to perform at their best	12%	-15
Actively seeks feedback for personal development	6%	-1
Builds effective working relationships with others	6%	-22

## NOT DEMONSTRATED

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours that you would like to see demonstrated more frequently by your direct manager

Builds effective working relationships with others	50%	+26
Empowers their team to perform at their best	44%	+9
Responds confidently when faced with uncertainty	33%	+15
Delegates work effectively and monitors performance	28%	-2
Demonstrates sound judgment	28%	+14
Implements improved ways of doing things	28%	-4
Takes responsibility for team development	28%	-3
Applies sound business management skills	17%	+3
Actively seeks feedback for personal development	11%	-19
Supports their team to adapt to change	6%	-21
Upholds ethical standards and principles	6%	-7
Describes how their team's work aligns to organisational objectives	0%	-20
Encourages a strong customer and stakeholder focus	0%	-11

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## 06 Leadership behaviour in your agency: Senior Officer

## **Purpose**

This section focuses on leadership behaviours as outlined in the Queensland Public Service Workforce Capability Success Profile.

The leadership behaviours change depending on the leadership level of the respondent's manager or direct supervisor.

Leadership levels are defined as follows:

- Team leader: manages individuals
- Program manager: manages multiple teams/projects
- Senior officer: manages program managers
- Executive: salary over \$150,000

#### **POSITIVE IMPACT**

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours, displayed by your direct manager, that have the greatest positive impact on engaging you in your work

Creates a culture of continuous improvement	50%	+27
Builds strong relationships that influence organisational and sector outcomes	40%	+13
Directs and prioritises resources to achieve the best outcomes	40%	+11
Adopts a system-wide view of issues to inform action	30%	+10
Navigates complex issues, politics and ambiguous situations effectively	30%	-6
Demonstrates commercial acumen in managing corporate risk	20%	+7
Models high levels of ethical and professional behaviour	20%	-19
Nurtures a learning and development culture	20%	+4
Stands behind their decisions in the face of adversity	20%	-9
Inspires others to perform at their best	10%	-12
Leads change with agility	10%	-3
Seeks feedback to strengthen leadership approach	10%	-3
Is compelling when communicating the organisational strategy	0%	-14

#### SUCCESSION

Which three of the following leadership behaviours do you think are MOST important for YOU to demonstrate your readiness for promotion?

Builds strong relationships that influence organisational and sector outcomes	50%	+14
Inspires others to perform at their best	42%	-1
Models high levels of ethical and professional behaviour	42%	+4
Navigates complex issues, politics and ambiguous situations effectively	42%	+12
Creates a culture of continuous improvement	25%	0
Leads change with agility	25%	+4
Seeks feedback to strengthen leadership approach	25%	+5
Stands behind their decisions in the face of adversity	25%	+10
Directs and prioritises resources to achieve the best outcomes	8%	-17
Is compelling when communicating the organisational strategy	8%	-5
Nurtures a learning and development culture	8%	-5
Adopts a system-wide view of issues to inform action	0%	-12
Demonstrates commercial acumen in managing corporate risk	0%	-7

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## 06 Leadership behaviour in your agency: Senior Officer (cont.)

#### **Purpose**

This section focuses on leadership behaviours as outlined in the Queensland Public Service Workforce Capability Success Profile.

The leadership behaviours change depending on the leadership level of the respondent's manager or direct supervisor.

Leadership levels are defined as follows:

- Team leader: manages individuals
- Program manager: manages multiple teams/projects
- Senior officer: manages program managers
- Executive: salary over \$150,000

#### **DEMONSTRATED**

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours that you see most frequently demonstrated by your direct manager

Builds strong relationships that influence organisational and sector outcomes	40%	+12
Creates a culture of continuous improvement	40%	+18
Demonstrates commercial acumen in managing corporate risk	40%	+25
Directs and prioritises resources to achieve the best outcomes	30%	0
Inspires others to perform at their best	30%	+9
Leads change with agility	30%	+15
Models high levels of ethical and professional behaviour	30%	-5
Seeks feedback to strengthen leadership approach	20%	+6
Adopts a system-wide view of issues to inform action	10%	-12
Is compelling when communicating the organisational strategy	10%	-7
Nurtures a learning and development culture	10%	-5
Stands behind their decisions in the face of adversity	10%	-17
Navigates complex issues, politics and ambiguous situations effectively	0%	-36

## NOT DEMONSTRATED

Please indicate the three leadership behaviours that you would like to see demonstrated more frequently by your direct manager

Is compelling when communicating the organisational strategy	50%	+30
Creates a culture of continuous improvement	33%	+7
Directs and prioritises resources to achieve the best outcomes	33%	+7
Navigates complex issues, politics and ambiguous situations effectively	33%	+17
Inspires others to perform at their best	25%	-12
Models high levels of ethical and professional behaviour	25%	+7
Nurtures a learning and development culture	25%	-1
Adopts a system-wide view of issues to inform action	17%	-1
Seeks feedback to strengthen leadership approach	17%	-19
Stands behind their decisions in the face of adversity	17%	-2
Builds strong relationships that influence organisational and sector outcomes	8%	-14
Demonstrates commercial acumen in managing corporate risk	8%	-2
Leads change with agility	8%	-13

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# 07 Flexible work options

### **Purpose**

Flexible work arrangements are a very important element of contemporary workplaces. Well executed and managed flexible work arrangements improve employee engagement, retention and attraction. This section outlines the types of flexible work arrangements being used and highlights some potential barriers to their take-up.

NOTE: Multi-select questions may not add up to 100 per cent.

Do you currently use any of the following flexible work options?	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Used no flexible work option	24%	-36	-20
Used flexible workplace option	76%	+36	+20
% proportion indicates those that used at least one of the 13 work place options  Flexible work hours for example accumulated hours as 'flexitime'*	71%	-	+41
None of the above	24%	-36	-20
Part time work	12%	+5	-5
Flexible work hours for example start late or early to meet responsibilities external to work*	9%	-	-3
Telecommuting	3%	+3	-1
Casual/on call	0%	0	-3
Compressed work hours	0%	0	-2
Hot desks	0%	0	-3
Job sharing	0%	-3	-2
Leave at half pay	0%	-3	-4
Other, please specify	0%	0	-2
Part-year work/annualised hours	0%	0	0
Purchased leave/extended leave/deferred salary schemes	0%	0	-1
Term-time working	0%	0	0

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

## 07 Flexible work options (cont.)

#### **Purpose**

Flexible work arrangements are a very important element of contemporary workplaces. Well executed and managed flexible work arrangements improve employee engagement, retention and attraction. This section outlines the types of flexible work arrangements being used and highlights some potential barriers to their take-up.

NOTE: Multi-select questions may not add up to 100 per cent.

## Have you made a request regarding flexible work arrangements in the last 12 months?

	Proportion	vs 2016	sector
Yes, I requested flexibility	9%	+2	-11
No, I have not made a request but I am content with my current arrangements	62%	-7	-7
No, I have not made a request but I am not content with my current arrangements	29%	+5	+18

# If yes to having made a request regarding flexible work arrangements, was your request for flexible work arrangements\*:

	vs Qia public
Proportion	sector

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Due to insufficient responses, the remaining data within this section has been restricted.

# If no to having made a request and not content with your current arrangements, why haven't you made a request to change your work arrangements\*?

I don't feel confident in my manager's ability to manage staff working flexibly		+70	+40
	20% -		
I feel flexibility is not possible in my current job		+20	+8
	20% -	+20	-10
I feel the technology I currently have access to does not support flexible working	20% -	+20	+14
None of the Above*	20%	-	-4
I felt it would limit my access to training and development	0%	+10	+3
I felt it would limit my career	0%	+10	-10
I didn't feel confident presenting my case or negotiating arrangements with my manager	0%	0	-22
I didn't feel I had the right to	0%	0	-17
I was concerned that it may negatively impact my team	0%	0	-19

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

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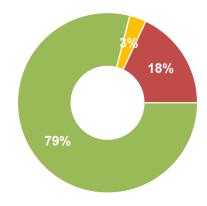
## 08 Domestic and family violence

#### **Purpose**

The Government has committed to a 15 year reform agenda with respect to domestic and family violence. This section is focused on understanding the confidence levels of Queensland public sector employees in dealing with domestic and family violence in the workplace.

Are you aware of any policies, in your workplace, designed to support employees affected by domestic and family violence in the workplace or the community?

Overall	% proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Yes	79%	+17	+4
No	18%	+4	+6
Don't know	3%	-21	-10



Managers Manage one or more employees	% proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Yes	100%	+40	+14
No	0%	-20	-8
Don't Know	0%	-20	-6

Non-managers Manage no employees	% proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Yes	74%	+11	+2
No	26%	+16	+13
Don't Know	0%	-26	-14

## 08 Domestic and family violence (cont.)

## **Purpose**

The Government has committed to a 15 year reform agenda with respect to domestic and family violence. This section is focused on understanding the confidence levels of Queensland public sector employees in dealing with domestic and family violence in the workplace.

Managers Manage one or more employees	% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
I am confident that I could sensitively communicate with employees affected by domestic and family violence	90%	+30	+8
If I was approached directly by an employee affected by domestic and family violence, I am confident in my ability to provide appropriate levels of support	90%	+30	+8
If I was made aware (e.g. by other colleagues) that domestic and family violence was affecting an employee, I am confident that I could respond appropriately	80%	+30	-1

Non-managers Manage no employees	% positive	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
I am confident that I could sensitively communicate with colleagues affected by domestic and family violence	79%	+5	+8
I am confident that I could effectively refer a colleague affected by domestic and family violence to appropriate support	88%	+14	+16

# In the past 12 months, have you been in a situation where you have responded to an employee/colleague affected by domestic and family violence?\*

Managers Manage one or more employees	% proportion	vs Qld public sector	Non-managers Manage no employees	% proportion	vs Qld public sector
Yes	0%	-16	Yes	9%	+2
No	100%	+20	No	91%	+3
Don't Know	0%	-2	Don't Know	0%	-3
Prefer not to say	0%	-3	Prefer not to say	0%	-3

<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

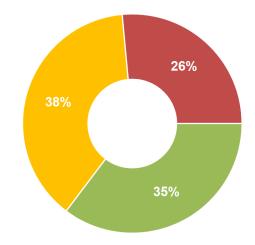
<sup>\*</sup> New in 2017, no trend

## 09 Intention to leave your organisation

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to show the intention of employees to leave the organisation and their reasons for leaving.

NOTE: Multi-select questions may not add up to 100 per cent.



% positive change since 2016

-6

vs Qld public sector

-31

35%

of employees <u>agreed</u> with the statement:

I intend to <u>stay</u> in my organisation within the next 12 months.

Reasons for leaving	Proportion	vs Qld public sector
The workplace culture	68%	+29
Career or job opportunities	64%	+11
Professional/personal development	55%	+19
Your relationship with your manager	50%	+28
Pay and conditions	32%	+5
Stress/Health	23%	-10
Balancing work and life commitments	18%	-4
Other (please specify)	18%	+8
The location of your workplace or the time spent commuting	18%	0
Family/carer responsibilities	14%	+1
Work hours	14%	-1
Your relationship with your colleagues	14%	+3
Fit between work and your interests	9%	-2
Job security	9%	-9
Retirement	5%	-4
Travel plans	5%	-2
Contract expiring	0%	-12

## 10 Bullying and sexual harassment

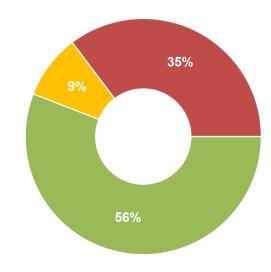
#### **Purpose**

This section is focused on understanding the prevalence and sources of bullying and sexual harassment as well as the rate of reporting and barriers to reporting such incidences.

NOTE: Multi-select questions may not add up to 100 per cent.

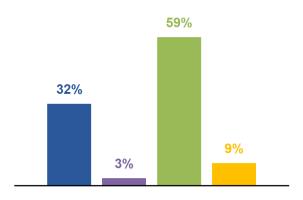
# During the last 12 months have you witnessed bullying or sexual harassment in your workplace?

	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Yes	35%	0	+7
No	56%	-1	-11
Don't know	9%	+2	+3



# During the last 12 months, have you been subjected to any of the following in your workplace?

	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Bullying	32%	+5	+16
Sexual Harassment	3%	-1	+2
No	59%	-7	-19
Don't Know	9%	+2	+4



## 10 Bullying and sexual harassment (cont.)

## **Purpose**

This section is focused on understanding the prevalence and sources of bullying and sexual harassment as well as the rate of reporting and barriers to reporting such incidences.

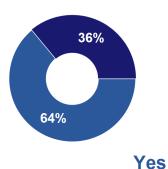
NOTE: Multi-select questions may not add up to 100 per cent.

Who were you BULLIED by?	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
A senior manager	64%	+64	+32
Your immediate manager/supervisor	45%	+45	+12
A fellow worker	27%	+27	-16
A group of fellow workers	27%	+27	+13
A client/customer	9%	+9	+2
A worker that reports to you	9%	+9	+4
Prefer not to specify	9%	+9	+1
A consultant/service provider	0%	0	-2
A member of the public	0%	0	-5
A representative of another agency	0%	0	-2
Other	0%	0	-2

What type of BULLYING did you experience?	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Inappropriate and unfair application of work policies or rules	73%	+73	+31
Verbal abuse	64%	+64	+6
Cyber bullying	27%	+27	+21
Other	27%	+27	+1
Interference with your personal property or work equipment	9%	+9	+1
'Initiations' or pranks	0%	0	-7
Physical behaviour (e.g. assault or aggressive body language)	0%	0	-11

#### Did you report the BULLYING?





Why did you not report the BULLYING?

Proportion vs 2016 vs Qld public sector

Due to insufficient responses, the remaining data within this section has been restricted.

## 11 Your view

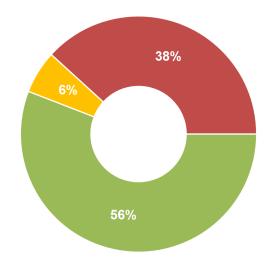
#### **Purpose**

This section is focused on understanding workplace improvement.

This section refers to the visibility of change attributable to past Working for Queensland surveys as well as satisfaction with the change implemented.

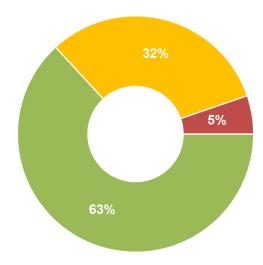
# Have you noticed any action your organisation has taken as a result of last year's Working for Queensland survey?

	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Yes	56%	+48	+25
No	38%	-45	-18
No, but I have not worked long in my organisation	6%	-2	-8



# How satisfied are you with your organisation's action in response to last year's Working for Queensland survey?

	Proportion	vs 2016	vs Qld public sector
Positive	63%	+63	+1
Neutral	32%	+32	0
Negative	5%	+5	0



## 12 Agency specific questions

## **Purpose**

The purpose of agency specific questions is to provide agencies with an opportunity to explore issues that are of interest in their unique context.

	Res	ponse scale	⊖ (%)	% positive 2017	vs 2016
I am feeling positive about the future direction of EWOQ	59	21	21	59%	-
I feel I am supported through the EWOQ change process	53	26	21	53%	-
I feel encouraged and supported by my direct manager to improve my skills and knowledge	53	9	38	53%	-
My direct manager communicates clearly and appropriately	59	15	26	59%	-
My senior manager communicates clearly and appropriately	53	15	32	53%	-
The EMG team communicates clearly and appropriately	41	32	26	41%	-

## 13 Appendix A – Strategic priorities by demographics

#### **Purpose**

This section enables you to understand the perceptions of the varying demographic groups of your workforce for each of the strategic priorities (agency engagement, organisational leadership and innovation).

Due to insufficient responses, this section has been restricted.

## 14 Appendix B – Strategic priorities and factors by item

### **Purpose**

Strategi	c priori	ties	% positive	vs 2016	% neutral	vs 2016	% negative	vs 2016
Agency e	ngageme	ent						
	Q33a	I would recommend my organisation as a great place to work	47%	-1	12%	-19	41%	+20
	Q33b	I am proud to tell others I work for my organisation	53%	-6	18%	0	29%	+5
	Q33c	I feel strong personal attachment to my organisation	35%	+1	29%	-9	35%	+8
	Q33d	My organisation motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	47%	+9	12%	-23	41%	+14
	Q33e	My organisation inspires me to do the best in my job	41%	+10	21%	-21	38%	+11
Organisat	tional lea	dership						
	Q31a	In my organisation, the leadership is of high quality	41%	+7	18%	-13	41%	+7
	Q31c	Management model the behaviours expected of all employees	35%	-13	26%	+13	38%	0
	Q31d	In my organisation, the leadership operates with a high level of integrity	50%	-9	12%	-9	38%	+18
	Q31f	My organisation is well managed	47%	-5	15%	-3	38%	+7
nnovatio	n							
	Q27a	I get the opportunity to develop new and better ways of doing my job	56%	+23	3%	-34	41%	+11
	Q27b	I am encouraged to make suggestions about improving work processes and/or services	68%	+11	12%	-5	21%	-6
	Q27c	Management is willing to act on suggestions to improve how things are done	53%	0	18%	-2	29%	+3
	Q27d	My workgroup uses research and expertise to identify better practice	44%	-16	26%	+6	29%	+9
	Q27e	My workgroup always tries to improve its performance	50%	-20	21%	-3	29%	+23
	Q27f	My organisation is open to new ideas	59%	+22	15%	-22	26%	0

## 14 Appendix B – Strategic priorities and factors by item (cont.)

### **Purpose**

Factors			% positive	vs 2016	% neutral	vs 2016	% negative	vs 2016
Job empo	wermen	t	70		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		, , , , o , o , o , o , o , o , o , o ,	
	Q22a	I have a choice in deciding how I do my work	59%	+15	24%	-10	18%	-6
	Q22b	I have the tools I need to do my job effectively	68%	+1	15%	-5	18%	+4
	Q22c	I get the information I need to do my job well	50%	-17	18%	+1	32%	+16
	Q22d	I have the authority necessary to do my job effectively	71%	+4	9%	-11	21%	+7
	Q22e	My job gives me opportunities to utilise my skills	56%	+3	12%	-5	32%	+2
	Q34b	Your ability to work on your own initiative	56%	-6	18%	+4	26%	+2
Workload	and hea	lth						
	Q23a	I am overloaded with work % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement i.e. limited to no issues with overload	48%	-25	33%	+13	18%	+12
	Q23b	I feel burned out by my work % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement i.e. limited to no issues with burn out	64%	-3	15%	-5	21%	+8
	Q23e	My work has a negative impact on my health % positive indicates those who "strongly disagree" or "disagree" with this statement i.e. limited to no issues with negative health impacts	36%	-17	27%	+1	36%	+16
Learning	and deve	elopment						
	Q28c	In my organisation, there are opportunities for me to develop my skills and knowledge	44%	+14	18%	-12	38%	-2
	Q28e	I am able to access relevant learning and development opportunities	38%	+12	21%	-13	41%	+1
	Q28f	Learning and development activities I have completed in the past 12 months have helped to improve my performance	31%	-1	28%	+7	41%	-6
	Q28g	I am satisfied with the opportunities available for career development	24%	+7	21%	-6	56%	-1
	Q31b	My organisation is committed to developing its employees	50%	+14	15%	-3	35%	-11

# 14 Appendix B – Strategic priorities and factors by item (cont.)

### **Purpose**

Factors			% positive	vs 2016	% neutral	vs 2016	% negative	vs 2016
My workgr	oup							
	Q24a	People in my workgroup treat each other with respect	50%	-23	18%	-2	32%	+26
	Q24b	I receive help and support from other people in my workgroup	59%	-28	26%	+16	15%	+11
	Q24c	People in my workgroup are honest, open and transparent in their dealings	50%	-10	21%	-6	29%	+16
	Q24d	People in my workgroup use their time and resources efficiently	50%	+17	18%	-26	32%	+9
	Q24e	People in my workgroup treat customers with respect	67%	-10	18%	-5	15%	+15
	Q24f	People in my workgroup are committed to delivering excellent service to customers	71%	-9	18%	-2	12%	+12
	Q24g	People in my workgroup do their jobs effectively	59%	-10	24%	+3	18%	+7
My manage	er							
	Q29a	My manager treats employees with dignity and respect	65%	-18	9%	+5	26%	+13
	Q29b	My manager listens to what I have to say	65%	-18	9%	+5	26%	+13
	Q29c	My manager keeps me informed about what's going on	62%	-11	6%	-11	32%	+22
	Q29d	My manager understands my work	62%	-21	12%	+8	26%	+13
	Q29e	My manager creates a shared sense of purpose	59%	+4	12%	-12	29%	+9
	Q29f	My manager demonstrates honesty and integrity	61%	-15	12%	+2	27%	+13
	Q29g	My manager draws the best out of me	47%	+13	24%	-18	29%	+5

## 14 Appendix B – Strategic priorities and factors by item (cont.)

### **Purpose**

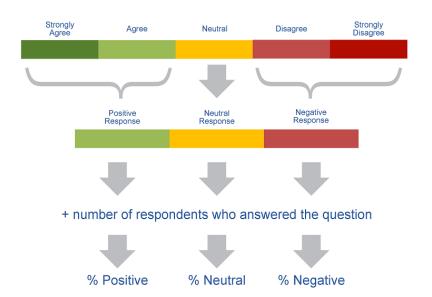
Factors		% positive	vs 2016	% neutral	vs 2016	% negative	vs 2016
Organisational fa	irness						
Q25f	Performance is assessed and rewarded fairly in my workplace	29%	-1	29%	-17	41%	+18
Q25g	I am confident that poor performance will be appropriately addressed in my workplace	30%	-3	24%	+4	45%	-1
Q25h	People are treated fairly and consistently in my workplace	44%	-3	15%	-9	41%	+11
Q25i	People take responsibility for their decisions and actions in my workplace	41%	+5	21%	-3	38%	-2
Q31e	Recruitment and promotion decisions in this organisation are fair	41%	-14	26%	+9	32%	+5
Anti-discrimination	on						
Q32a	Age is not a barrier to success in my organisation	71%	-5	12%	-5	18%	+11
Q32b	Gender is not a barrier to success in my organisation	65%	-8	12%	-2	24%	+10
Q32c	Disability is not a barrier to success in my organisation	68%	+12	21%	-17	12%	+5
Q32d	Cultural background is not a barrier to success in my organisation	71%	-2	24%	+3	6%	-1
Q32e	Sexual orientation is not a barrier to success in my organisation	74%	+1	21%	+3	6%	-4

## 15 Appendix C – How to interpret this report

#### % Positive, neutral and negative scores

Across Working for Queensland (WfQ) reporting, most data is expressed as % positive,% neutral or % negative.

- % positive presents the proportion of respondents who expressed a positive opinion or assessment i.e. combining 'Strongly agree' and 'Agree' responses.
- % neutral presents the proportion of respondents who expressed a neutral opinion or assessment.
- % negative presents the proportion of respondents who expressed a negative opinion or assessment i.e. combining 'Strongly disagree' and 'Disagree' responses.



#### **Negatively Worded Questions: An example**

#### What are negatively worded questions?

Negatively worded questions are items in the questionnaire that are phrased in a negative way e.g. "Approval processes at my work are excessive".

#### How are the negatively worded responses scored?

When responding to a negatively worded question, "Strongly disagree" and "Disagree" responses are classified as positive i.e. it is good that you disagree that approval processes at work are excessive (this means they are not excessive!). Therefore, the "Strongly disagree" and "Disagree" responses are combined to calculate the % positive score.

## What does this mean for interpreting the % positive score for negatively worded questions?

The % positive score combines the negative responses as they are the "preferred" responses to this item.

#### **EXAMPLE**

In the table below the % positive score for "Approval processes at my work are excessive" is 82%. This result can be expressed by stating that:

82% disagreed that their "Approval processes at my work are excessive"

OR

82% felt that the approval processes at their work are not excessive.

Conversely, the % negative score means that 8% of the employees perceive that the approval processes at their work are excessive.

	% positive	vs 2016	% neutral	vs 2016	% negative	vs 2016
Q25 d Approval processes at my work are excessive.	82%	+4	10%	-2	8%	-5

#### How will I know if I am interpreting this correctly?

To assist in the interpretation, all negatively worded questions are accompanied by an explanatory statement.

## 15 Appendix C – How to interpret this report (cont.)

#### Rounding

Results were rounded to whole numbers. Percentages may therefore not add up to 100%.

#### **Factor scores**

Factor measures combine information from multiple survey items that correlate highly with the overall factor. The factor scores are calculated as the sum of positive responses given to all questions within the factor, divided by the number of answers to all questions within the factor.

The report depicts three strategic priorities and makes use of seven factor measures.

#### Workplace climate index scores

Workplace climate indices have been created by grouping together survey items by theme. Like factor scores, the climate index scores are calculated as the sum of positive responses given to all questions within the index, divided by the number of answers to all questions within the index.

#### % Change and division comparisons

Throughout this report the % change figure and division comparisons are frequently reported. The % change score relates to differences between:

- the 2016 and 2017 % positive, negative and neutral scores, or
- the 2017 agency and Qld Public Sector % scores.

The % score is highlighted green when the 2017 work area result is five or more percentage points higher than the 2016 score. The % score is highlighted red where the 2017 work area result is five or more percentage points lower.

The division comparisons relate to the comparisons of the % positive scores between the agency and other divisions.

#### Quintile

Indicates the position of your agency when the 62 participating agencies are ranked against individual workplace factors and workplace outcomes.

Quintile	Interpretation
1	Among first 20% of agencies OR Among top eleven ranked agencies
2	Among second 20% of agencies OR Between 12th and 22nd ranked agencies
3	Among third 20% of agencies OR Between 23rd and 33rd ranked agencies
4	Among fourth 20% of agencies OR Between 34th and 44th ranked agencies
5	Among last 20% of agencies OR Between 45th and 58th ranked agencies

Quintile positions 1 and 2 are indicated in green font, the third quintile is indicated in yellow font, and quintile positions 4 and 5 are indicated in red font.

PLEASE NOTE: While the coloured highlighting of both the % scores and the quintiles helps differentiate results, it does not necessarily indicate a statistically significant difference.

## **Number of respondents**

The number of respondents for sub populations (i.e. divisions, demographic groups) may not add up to the total number of respondents due to missing demographic or division information.

### Base size for Working for Queensland 2017

The base size of Working for Queensland refers to the number of people included in the data collection phase of the survey.

Please note, that key elements of the 2017 Working for Queensland survey have been incorporated into the School Opinion Survey. As such, school-based employees are not included in the WfQ base size for 2017, but data for this group will be incorporated at a later date. This will lead to fluctuations in response rate and, possibly, to Queensland public sector benchmarks in 2017 Working for Queensland reporting.

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions were used in the survey:

Your workgroup - The group or team where you spend most of your time. If you are a manager your workgroup is the people you manage.

Your workplace - The place where you work, such as a school, hospital or office location as well as the places you visit as part of your work. Questions about your workplace concern the experiences you have in this environment.

#### Your organisation

For Health agencies - The Hospital and Health Service (HHS), in which you work, or the Queensland Ambulance Service or the Department of Health.

For non-Health agencies - The Government department or public service office you work for in your current job (e.g. Department of Transport and Main Roads for staff employed in RoadTek, The Public Trustee for staff working for the The Public Trustee).

Your manager - The person you usually report to.

Your senior manager - The person your manager usually reports to.

Your customer(s) - The person(s) you provide advice or service to, whether internal or external to the Queensland Public Sector (e.g. students, clients, customers, stakeholders, patients, members of the community).

Sexual harassment - an unwelcome sexual advance, unwelcome request for sexual favours or other unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature which makes a person feel offended, humiliated or intimidated, and where that reaction is reasonable in the circumstances. Sexual harassment does not need to be deliberate or repeated to be illegal.

Bullying - repeated and unreasonable behaviour directed towards a worker or group of workers that creates a risk to health and safety.