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Response rate: 85%

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Strength of association with engagement

♦ Statistically significant difference from comparison

Employee engagement is shaped by experience at work, as measured by nine themes in the survey shown below.

Engagement Index				
71	%			
Difference from previous survey	0			
Difference from CS2017	+9 ÷			
Difference from CS High Performers	+6 💠			

My work	(
80	<b>%</b> ii
Difference from previous survey	0
Difference from CS2017	+4
Difference from CS High Performers	+1

Organisational objectives and purpose					
87	<b>%</b>				
Difference from previous survey	+1				
Difference from CS2017	<b>+5</b> \$				
Difference from CS High Performers	0				



My team		
80	<b>%</b> 📶	
Difference from previous survey	-1 💠	
Difference from CS2017	-1 💠	
Difference from CS High Performers	-4 <b></b>	

Learning and development					
63	<b>% al</b>				
Difference from previous survey	+4				
Difference from CS2017	+10				
Difference from CS High Performers	+6 ♦				

Inclusion and fair treatment				
<b>78</b>	<b>%</b>			
Difference from previous survey	0			
Difference from CS2017	+1			
Difference from CS High Performers	<b>-2</b> \$			

Resources and workload					
72	<b>%</b> []				
Difference from previous survey	0				
Difference from CS2017	0				
Difference from CS High Performers	<b>-3</b> \$				

Pay and benefits					
37	% <b>al</b>				
Difference from previous survey	0				
Difference from CS2017	<b>+7</b>				
Difference from CS High Performers	+1				

Leadership and managing change					
49	<b>% 1</b>				
Difference from previous survey	0				
Difference from CS2017	+3				
Difference from CS High Performers	<b>-2</b> \$				



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The table below shows how you performed on each of the nine themes ranked by the strength of association with engagement. The themes which have the strongest association with engagement should be the focus for action. See the appendix for further



## Wellbeing

% responding positively (Answering 7,8,9 or 10 for W01 – W03; Answering 0,1,2 or 3









W01. Overall, how satisfied are you with vour life nowadays?

W02. Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?

W03. Overall. how happy did you feel vesterday?

W04. Overall, how anxious did you feel vesterday?

### Discrimination, bullying and harassment

% responding Yes

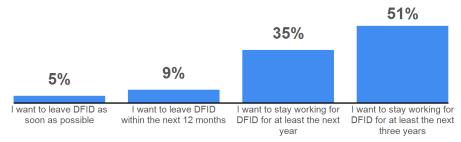


During the past 12 months have you personally experienced discrimination at work?



During the past 12 months have you personally experienced bullying or harassment at work?

### Your plans for the future





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### **Headline scores**

Highest positive scoring questions	% Positive	Highest neutral scoring questions	% Neutral	Highest negative scoring questions	% Negative
B01 I am interested in my work		B43 When changes are made in DF usually for the better	FID they are	B37 Compared to people doing a simil organisations I feel my pay is reas	ar job in other sonable
	94%		43%		47%
B31 I have the skills I need to do my j	ob effectively	I believe that the Executive Ma B40 Committee has a clear vision for DFID		B35 I feel that my pay adequately refle performance	ects my
	91%		37%		41%
B07 I understand how my work contril objectives	butes to DFID's	B17 Poor performance is dealt with team	effectively in my	B36 I am satisfied with the total benefi	ts package
	87%		36%		40%
B06 I have a clear understanding of D	OFID's objectives	Where I work, I think effective a taken on the results of the last		B42 I feel that change is managed well	l in DFID
	87%		33%		31%
B54 I am trusted to carry out my job e	effectively	B41 Overall, I have confidence in the by DFID's senior managers	e decisions made	B62 I understand how my work contribution us become 'A Brilliant Civil Service	outes to helping e'
	87%		33%		29%



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#### ♦ indicates statistically significant difference from comparison All questions by theme ^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey Difference from CS High Performers Difference from CS2017 Positive Difference Strength of My work from association Disagree with previous agree survey engagement B01 I am interested in my work 94% 0 +2 ♦ 41 B02 I am sufficiently challenged by my work 43 8 6 84% -1 ♦ +4 ♦ +1 ♦ B03 My work gives me a sense of personal accomplishment 50 11 6 81% 0 +5 ♦ +2 ♦ B04 I feel involved in the decisions that affect my work 45 14 18 64% +1 +6 ♦ 0 B05 I have a choice in deciding how I do my work 28 49 13 0 +2 ♦ -3 ♦ **Organisational** Strength of Difference association objectives and purpose\* Strongly \*This theme score is based on one fewer question in this year's Agree Neither Disagree previous with disagree survey. Previous survey scores have been recalculated on this agree engagement survev basis, to allow for the theme trend comparison B06 I have a clear understanding of DFID's objectives 55 8 +2 ♦ +6 ♦ +1 ♦ B07 I understand how my work contributes to DFID's objectives 52 9 87% 0 +4 ♦ 0



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### All questions by theme

My manager



Strength of association





Disagree

Positive

^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey

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	survey		engagement	agree			disagree	%	Diffe from surv	Diffe	Diffe from Perf
B08 My manager motivates me to be more effective in n	ny job			27		48	14 7	75%	+2 �	+5 ♦	+1 ♦
B09 My manager is considerate of my life outside work					43	41	9	84%	+2 ♦	0	-3 ♦
B10 My manager is open to my ideas				2	11	42	10 5	83%	0	+1 💠	-1 ♦
B11 My manager helps me to understand how I contribu	te to DFID's	s object	tives	23		47	20 7	70%	+1 ♦	+4 ♦	-1
B12 Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by	my manag	er		29		46	15 6	75%	+2 ♦	+1 💠	-4 💠
B13 My manager recognises when I have done my job v	vell			35	;	47	11 5	81%	0	+2 💠	-1 ♦
B14 I receive regular feedback on my performance				23		48	15 11	71%	+3 ♦	+3 ♦	-2 💠
B15 The feedback I receive helps me to improve my per	formance			23		46	20 9	68%	0	+5 ♦	+1 ♦
B16 I think that my performance is evaluated fairly				22		45	20 10	67%	+2 ♦	+2 ♦	-3 ♦
B17 Poor performance is dealt with effectively in my tea	m			11	32	36	15 6	43%	0	+3 ♦	-1 💠



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#### ♦ indicates statistically significant difference from comparison All questions by theme ^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey Difference from CS High Performers Difference from CS2017 Positive Inclusion and fair Difference Strength of from association treatment Strongly with previous agree survey engagement B25 I am treated fairly at work 9 6 82% 54 **-2** ♦ 8 5 B26 I am treated with respect by the people I work with 52 86% -1 ♦ +1 ♦ -1 ♦ B27 I feel valued for the work I do 48 15 10 72% 0 +7 ♦ +1 I think that DFID respects individual differences (e.g. cultures, working styles, 15 10 72% 48 **-2** ♦ **-4** ♦ -7 ♦ backgrounds, ideas, etc) Resources and Difference Strength of from association workload\* Strongly Agree Neither Disagree Stronaly \*This theme score is based on one fewer question in this year's with previous survey. Previous survey scores have been recalculated on this survey engagement basis, to allow for the theme trend comparison B29 I get the information I need to do my job well 15 61 10 74% +1 +4 ♦ 0 81% B30 I have clear work objectives 60 11 6 +6 ♦ +1 ♦ B31 I have the skills I need to do my job effectively 64 6 91% +3 ♦ +1 ♦ 0 B32 I have the tools I need to do my job effectively 57 11 14 72% -3 ♦ +2 ♦ -5 ♦ B33 I have an acceptable workload 45 18 19 54% -7 ♦ -13 ♦ -7 ♦ -12 ♦ B34 I achieve a good balance between my work life and my private life 17 62% 0 48 16



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#### ♦ indicates statistically significant difference from comparison All questions by theme ^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey Difference from CS High Performers Difference from CS2017 Positive Difference Strength of Pay and benefits from association Disagree previous with agree survey engagement B35 I feel that my pay adequately reflects my performance 33 38% 0 +8 < 20 24 +1 < B36 I am satisfied with the total benefits package 32 21 23 39% 0 +5 ♦ -1 ♦ Compared to people doing a similar job in other organisations I feel my pay is 27 20 27 33% 0 +8 < +1 < reasonable Leadership and Difference Strenath of from association managing change\* \*This theme score is based on one fewer question in this year's Strongly Neither Strongly previous survey. Previous survey scores have been recalculated on this survey engagement basis, to allow for the theme trend comparison B38 Senior managers in DFID are sufficiently visible 56 12 15 70% +10 ♦ +1 ♦ B39 I believe the actions of senior managers are consistent with DFID's values 49 26 11 61% +3 ♦ +7 ♦ I believe that the Executive Management Committee has a clear vision for the 35 37 16 43% **-6** ♦ -5 ♦ **-11** ♦ future of DFID Overall, I have confidence in the decisions made by DFID's senior managers 43 33 12 52% +3 ♦ -3 ♦ B42 I feel that change is managed well in DFID 32 32 24 36% **-2** ♦ +3 ♦ **-4** ♦ B43 When changes are made in DFID they are usually for the better 25 43 23 29% 0 -11 ♦ B44 DFID keeps me informed about matters that affect me 63% +5 ♦ **-2** ♦ 55 23 -1 I have the opportunity to contribute my views before decisions are made that 37 30 21 44% 0 +5 ♦ **-4** ♦ affect me B46 I think it is safe to challenge the way things are done in DFID 38 26 19 45% +2 ♦ 0 -7 ♦



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All questions by theme	
Engagement	Strougly agree from previous survey  Difference from previous  Difference from CS2017  Difference from CS2017  Difference from CS2017
B47 I am proud when I tell others I am part of DFID	<b>34 49 14 82</b> % 0 +21 ♦ +14 ♦
B48 I would recommend DFID as a great place to work	24 47 20 <b>7 71%</b> +3 \(\diamorphi\) +16 \(\diamorphi\) +8 \(\diamorphi\)
B49 I feel a strong personal attachment to DFID	26 42 21 9 <b>68</b> % -1 \$\dip +19 \$\dip +11 \$
B50 DFID inspires me to do the best in my job	21 44 24 8 65% +2 \( \div \) +17 \( \div \) +11 \( \div \)
B51 DFID motivates me to help it achieve its objectives	17 44 27 9 <b>62</b> % +1 +16 \(\dip \) +8 \(\dip \)
Taking action	Strongly Agree Neither Disagree Strongly agree
B52 I believe that senior managers in DFID will take action on the results from this survey	14 46 23 11 5 <b>60</b> % +3 \$\div +10 \$\div +3 \$\div
B53 Where I work, I think effective action has been taken on the results of the last survey	15 36 33 10 5 <b>52</b> % +2 \( \phi \) +16 \( \phi \) +7 \( \phi \)



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### All questions by theme

## ♦ indicates statistically significant difference from comparison ^ indicates a variation in question wording from your previous survey Difference from CS High Performers % Positive

### Wellbeing

Unlike the questions B01-B62 which ask people to rate their agreement from strongly agree to strongly disagree, the four wellbeing questions use a 11-point scale. The scale ranges from 0 to 10 for each question, where 0 is equivalent to 'not at all' (e.g. 'not at all satisfied' or 'not at all worthwhile') and where 10 is equivalent to 'completely satisfied' or 'completely anxious').

For questions W01, W02 and W03 the percent positive is the proportion answering 7, 8, 9 or 10 to each question.

W01 Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?	<b>10</b> 22 <b>54 15 69</b> % -1 +3 ♦ 0
W02 Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?	6 18 53 23 <b>76</b> % -1 \( \dip \) +5 \( \dip \) +3 \( \dip \)
W03 Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?	13 23 46 18 <b>64%</b> -3 \$\div +1 \$\div -1 \$
For question W04 the percent positive is the proportion answering 0, 1, 2 or 3 to the question.	0-1 2-3 4-5 6-10
W04 Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?	14 28 23 35 <b>42</b> % -3 \$\div -7 \$\div -10 \$\div



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% No

### All questions by theme

### Your plans for the future

C01. Which of the following statements most reflects your current thoughts about working for DFID?

working for DFID?		Difference from previous survey	Difference from CS2017	Difference from CS High Performers
I want to leave DFID as soon as possible	5%	-1	-3 ♦	-7 ♦
I want to leave DFID within the next 12 months	9%	<b>-</b> 2 ♦	-6 ♦	-9 💠
I want to stay working for DFID for at least the next year	35%	+1	+1 �	-3 ♦
I want to stay working for DFID for at least the next three years	51%	+1	+7 ♦	-1 ♦

### **The Civil Service Code**

Differences are based on '% Yes' score

		% Yes	Difference previous	Difference CS2017	Difference CS High Performel
D01. Are you aware of the Civil Service Code?	96	96%	+2 ♦	+4 ♦	+1 ♦
D02. Are you aware of how to raise a concern under the Civil Service Code?	74 26	74%	-1 ♦	+6 ♦	0
D03. Are you confident that if you raised a concern under the Civil Service Code in DFID it would be investigated properly?	77 23	77%	+1 ♦	+7 ♦	+1 ♦

% Yes

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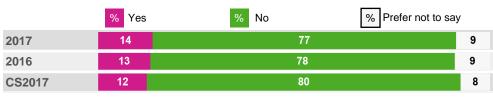
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### All questions by theme

### Discrimination, harassment and bullying

E01. During the past 12 months have you personally experienced discrimination at work?

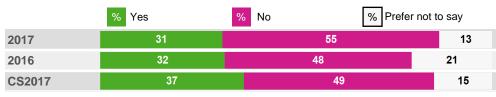


E03. During the past 12 months have you personally experienced bullying or harassment at work?



For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E03.

E05. Did you report the bullying and harassment you experienced?



For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E03. E06. In your opinion, has this issue been resolved?



For respondents who selected 'Yes' to guestion E01.

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E02. On which of the following grounds have you personally experienced discrimination at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)

Response Count		se Count
Age	74	
Caring responsibilities	30	
Disability	19	
Ethnic background	37	
Gender	64	
Gender reassignment or perceived gender		
Grade, pay band or responsibility level	129	
Main spoken/written language or language ability	19	
Religion or belief		
Sexual orientation		
Social or educational background	34	
Working location	47	
Working pattern	66	
Any other grounds	82	
Prefer not to say	24	

For respondents who selected 'Yes' to question E03.

E04. Who were you bullied or harassed by at work in the past 12 months? (multiple selection)

A colleague	96	
Your manager	85	
Another manager in my part of DFID	61	
Someone you manage	11	
Someone who works for another part of DFID	32	
A member of the public		
Someone else	15	
Prefer not to say	38	

Please note: Counts of fewer than ten responses are suppressed and replaced with '--'





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### **Appendix**

#### **Glossary of key terms**

% positive The proportion who selected either "agree" or "strongly agree" for a question (or all questions within a theme in the case of **Theme score % positive**).

Previous survey Comparisons to the previous survey relate to the results from the 2016 Civil Service People Survey. Where a question is flagged as changed since the last

survey comparisons should be treated with caution as changes to wording may affect how people respond to the question.

CS2017 The CS2017 benchmark is the median percent positive across all organisations that participated in the 2017 Civil Service People Survey.

CS High Performers For each question, this is the upper quartile score across all organisations that have taken part in the 2017 Civil Service People Survey.

#### Rounding

Results are presented as whole numbers for ease of reading, with rounding performed at the last stage of calculation for maximum accuracy.

### Statistical significance: ♦

Statistical testing has been carried out on the comparisons between this year's results and your previous survey, CS2017 results and CS High Performers results to identify differences that are statistically significant. You can therefore be confident that the difference represents a real difference in opinion between the results.

#### The employee engagement index

The survey includes five questions that make up the engagement index (B47-B51). The index score represents the average level of engagement in that unit and ranges from 0 to 100. An index score of 0 represents all respondents in that unit saying they strongly disagree to all five engagement questions and a score of 100 represents all respondents saying they strongly agree to all five engagement questions.

### The drivers of engagement

While the engagement index shows the average level of engagement, it does not show what you can do to improve engagement. Nine themes have been included in the survey to measure employees' experiences at work. A statistical technique, stepwise regression, is used to identify the extent to which each of these themes has an association with engagement. The themes identified as having an association are called the 'Drivers of engagement'. The strength of association with engagement varies by theme and is illustrated by a 4-bar icon, as shown below. Themes with a full 4-bar icon have the strongest association with engagement.

### strength of association

with engagement

the analysis has not identified a significant association with engagement

### Changes to theme scores in 2017

Small changes have been made to some of the headline themes in 2017. Three theme scores (Organisational objectives and purpose; Resources and workload; Leadership and managing change) are based on one fewer question in this year's survey. Previous survey scores have been recalculated on this basis, to allow for theme trend comparisons.

### Confidentiality

The survey was carried out as part of the 2017 Civil Service People Survey, which is managed by the Cabinet Office on behalf of all participating organisations. The Cabinet Office commissioned ORC International to carry out the survey. ORC International is a member of the Market Research Society, and is bound by their strict code of conduct and confidentiality rules. These rules do not allow for the breakdown of the results to the extent where the anonymity of individuals may be compromised. Groups of fewer than 10 respondents will not be reported on, however their responses do contribute to the overall scores for the unit and organisation they belong to and the overall Civil Service results.