What’s happening with diversity and inclusion across the State sector 2017/2018

36 agencies completed the D & I System Stocktake Survey

We wanted to get a snapshot of how agencies are building diverse and inclusive workplaces. We asked them to tell us about: • types of initiatives • polices and strategies • monitoring and reporting. We grouped the responses into three areas:

- **Organisational settings**
  - policies, strategies, governance and leadership
- **Initiatives**
  - recruitment, networks and activities to support D & I in the workplace
- **Data**
  - collecting, monitoring and reporting to help agencies achieve their D & I objectives

Agencies told us …

- 83% have a range of D & I initiatives
- 97% have a Flexible Work Policy
- 67% have unconscious bias training available
- 86% provide opportunities for staff to develop understanding and use of Māori culture, language and practices
- 69% have a D & I strategy/work plan
- 58% have a programme to build cultural competency
- 56% measure employee perceptions of inclusion in the workplace
- 100% have a formal process to review and address the gender pay gap
- 64% have strategies to attract a diverse range of new people

“To become a truly inclusive organisation means our people and customers feel valued, see themselves reflected in our process, people, values and behaviours and know their voice will be heard and respected.” (Inland Revenue)

“Diversity & inclusion strengthens us as individuals and as an organisation.” (The Treasury)

Agencies rated a wide range of **benefits** from diversity and inclusion...

- Diversity of thought
- Improved organisational culture
- Higher staff engagement
- Better outcomes for customers
- Equity/fairness
- Better able to attract talent
- Improved innovation and creativity
- Employee health and wellbeing
- Improved problem solving
- Lower staff turnover
- Improved productivity
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“We want our customers to identify with us, feel connected to and trust us as an organisation.” (ACC)

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- Māori Language Week
- International Women’s Day
- Suffrage Day
- Pasifika Language Week
- Sign Language Week
- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Pride Parade
- Chinese New Year
- Matariki
- Diwali

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“Our diverse workforce ensures we have the right people, at the right time, doing the right thing for our clients and our communities.” (Ministry of Social Development)

“He ngakau titikaha, he hononga tangata
Promoting a confident and connected culture.”

(Ministry for Culture and Heritage)

“Our State Services must reflect the communities we serve. We know that increasing our diversity leads to more innovation and productivity, which leads to delivering better services and outcomes for New Zealanders.” (State Services Commission)

For more information about what’s happening with diversity and inclusion, please email diversity.inclusion@ssc.govt.nz