

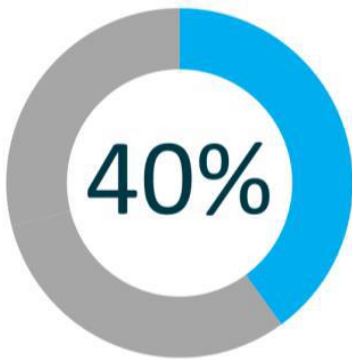


The AGWN Quick Guide to... Political savvy

'How do we together build for a better NZ?'

Bridge the interface between Government and the Public Sector; to engage political representatives and shape and implement the Government's policy priorities.

State Services Commission, [Leadership Success Profile](#), June 2017



96 out of 243 leaders need to develop
Leading at the Political Interface

Political savvy is a critical part of system leadership but according to the SSC's [Leadership Insights](#), more of our female leaders have this as a development need (47%) than male leaders (33%).

So what can we do from Auckland, 600km north of the Beehive, to develop our political savvy and our confidence in bridging that interface between government and the public sector?

1. Take a [tour of Parliament](#) and see politicians in action
2. [Watch or listen](#) to Parliament live
3. Listen to [The House](#) on Radio NZ
4. Listen in on Auckland Council proceedings from the comfort of your desk through their [live link](#)
5. Attend one of the [free courses](#) at Parliament for public servants
6. Think about how the change of government has affected your agency – building trust is key - see the 6 principles in this [ANZSOG resource](#)
7. Practice political savviness in your own agency with [these tips](#) on social awareness and political savviness
8. Consider the private sector perspective with [this article](#)
9. Arrange to spend a week at your agency's head office, in the policy team or in your Minister's office
10. Check out this [LDC toolkit](#) for more ideas

