

Our story, our future
Queensland Multicultural Policy and Multicultural Action Plan 2016-17 – 2018-19
Annual Report 2017-18
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Background

- *Our story, our future* is the Queensland Government's multicultural policy promoting an inclusive, harmonious and united community for Queensland.
- The policy focuses Queensland Government action on three policy priorities for culturally diverse communities and Queensland as a whole – (1) achieving culturally responsive government, (2) supporting inclusive, harmonious and united communities and (3) improving economic opportunities.
- The policy is being implemented through a three year Queensland Multicultural Action Plan 2016-17 – 2018-19.
- The policy and action plan are a requirement of the *Multicultural Recognition Act 2016* (the Act) and represent one of three key provisions of the Act, together with establishing the Multicultural Queensland Charter and Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council.
- Section 24 of the Act requires entities with actions in the action plan to report publicly on an annual basis. The attached report fulfils this requirement for 2017-18 for the **Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG)**.

Priority area 1: Culturally responsive government

Outcome: Improved knowledge about customers' diversity

Action	Lead	Timeframe	Progress status	Achievements and outcomes
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Develop agency implementation plans outlining the steps needed for the government agency to collect and report on the minimum mandatory indicators for culturally diverse customers.	Multiple agencies:	2016-17	Completed. Reporting completed in 2016-17 period.	
Ensure relevant staff are aware of the minimum mandatory indicators for culturally diverse customers and of the importance of capturing this information.	DCSYW DHPW DJAG DoE DTMR QFES	2016-19	On track	Implementation has commenced. DJAG is currently focusing on defining which service areas collect and report on the minimum mandatory indicators by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determining the current DJAG services collecting any information about culturally diverse customers; and • defining which services will be required to collect and report on the minimum mandatory indicators.
Develop a plan to ensure that the improved data regarding culturally diverse customers is aggregated and published on a regular basis, subject to all privacy requirements being met.	QH, including HHS QPS	2016-19	Yet to commence	DJAG will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop collection tool/s and guidance material to gather and aggregate data • ensure forms and privacy statements are reviewed; and • ensure data is published on a regular basis.

Outcome: A productive, culturally capable and diverse workforce

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Deliver on the Public Service Commission 2022 foundation non-English speaking background diversity targets for the Queensland Public Sector.	All departments	2016–19	On track	As at March 2018, 7.2% of DJAG employees identified as being from a non-English speaking background. Actions under the <i>DJAG Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2015-2020</i> relate primarily to addressing recruitment and selection practice and identified barriers, and to the development of current employees.
Deliver agency-specific workforce inclusion and diversity strategies that identify priority areas for action to improve participation rates for diverse Queenslanders.	DESBT DNRME DJAG DCDSS DCSYW DES DITID DHPW DoE	2016–19	On track	The DJAG Board of Management approved the <i>DJAG Inclusion and Diversity Strategy 2015-2020</i> in February 2018. The strategy addresses seven specific areas of focus related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • underrepresented groups (ie people from a non-English speaking background, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people living with disability, LGBTIQ+ people, Older people and Youth) and women into leadership; and • two areas of focus which provide general levers of change: culture and capability (including valuing difference, flexible work arrangements, recruitment and selection, management capability), and data integrity and measures to inform actions.
Provide training to address unconscious bias and other barriers in recruitment and selection.	DESBT DTMR DJAG DCDSS DCSYW DSDMIP DLGRMA DoE	2016–19	On track	DJAG continued delivery of the <i>Practical HR for Managers</i> program, which includes topics related to recruitment and selection, inclusion and diversity and awareness of bias. Recruitment and selection panel training which included addressing unconscious bias and common barriers in recruitment and selection, was delivered to approximately 150 DJAG employees. A review of the DJAG intranet content was completed resulting in improved intranet-based advice for recruitment and selection, and inclusion and diversity.