

National Energy Board Employee Survey

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To all National Energy Board (NEB) employees

In September 1999, following a public service-wide employee opinion survey, NEB employees were asked to fill out a similar survey customized to reflect our environment. Eighty-two percent of you did. The results of that survey were for the most part positive, however, some issues and concerns were raised and areas for improvement were identified. We listened to your concerns and acted on them. A project working group was struck to address the issues of harassment and discrimination and their efforts have led to a new harassment prevention policy, harassment and discrimination awareness training for all employees and the creation of an ombudsperson role. In addition to these corporate concerns, individual business units acted on BU-specific issues.

Now, three years later, the NEB, in keeping with leading edge organizations, is repeating the enployee opinion survey. A project working group was struck with a representative from excluded employees, the Executive team, and each of the unions. The group has revised the NEB survey to reflect improvements made to the public service survey and to better meet organizational needs.

I am asking you to fill out the attached survey so that we can continue to improve as an organization. Sharing your views on your work, your career and your workplace will help us work together to make the NEB an outstanding workplace. Your continued support is vital to achieving positive results.

Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be anonymous and confidential.

Thank you.

Gaétan Caron Chief Operating Officer

To all National Energy Board employees

All information provided to Statistics Canada through this survey is protected by law under the *Statistics Act*. No one, including your immediate leader, Business Unit Leader, Chief Operating Officer or Chairman, can access information you provide to Statistics Canada.

To ensure that your answers and your identity are protected, we have taken the following precautions:

- The survey is ANONYMOUS. Your name is not required.
- The data will be used only to produce statistical summaries in the form of tables and graphs.
- All tables will be verified to ensure that they do not reveal anyone's identity. If there are **not at least 5 people** with **exactly** the same characteristics for a table, the table will not be produced. You, as an individual will not be identified in any way.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Ivan Fellegi Chief Statistician of Canada



After you have completed the questionnaire, place it in the **postage-paid return envelope**, seal it and return it to Statistics Canada through internal mail or Canada Post.

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How to complete this questionnaire

Use a black or blue pen to mark a circle (X)

Му	Job World						
		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
1.	I have the materials and equipment I need to do my job.	1 ()	2 ()	3 🔾	4	5	6 🔾
2.	It is easy to get the information I need to do my work.	1 ()	2 ()	3 🔾	4	50	6 🔾
3.	When I am required to work in French, the material and tools that I need, including software and other automated tools, are available.	1	2	3 ((5 🔵	6
4.	I am familiar with the provisions of my collective agreement (PIPSC and PSAC members) or of my Terms and Conditions of Employment (excluded and executive staff).		~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~		4 🔿	5 ()	6
5.	I know how to find information on NEB policies and procedures.			3 (4 🔾	⁵ ()	6 🔾
6.	I am classified fairly compared with others doing similar work at the NEB.		2	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 ()	6 🔾
7.	I am classified fairly compared with others doing similar work elsewhere in the Federal Public Service.		2 _	3	4	5 ()	6 🔾
8.	I feel pressured by others to work more than my regular hours.		2 🔿	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 ()	6 🔾
9.	I feel I can claim overtime compensation (in money or in leave) for the overtime hours that I work.	1 🔿	2 🔿	3 🔿	4	5 🔿	6
10.	I am satisfied with my current work arrangement (e.g., hours of work, banked time, work-at-home)	1	2	3 ()	4 🔿	⁵ ()	6 🔾
11.	Do you currently work according to any of the following flexible/alternate working arrangements a. Banked time	?	¹ () Ye	es	² () No	D	
	b. Flexible hours (i.e., variable start and end times)		¹) Ye	es	² O No	D	
	c. Work-at-home		¹) Ye	es	² O Ne	D	
	d. Part-time		¹) Ye	es	² O N	о С	

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12.	I feel that the quality of my work suffers because of	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know	Not applicable
	a. constantly changing priorities		2 🔾	3 🔾	4 (5 🔿	6 🔾
	b. lack of stability in the organization		2	3 🔿	4 (⁵ ()	6 🔾
	c. too many approval stages	1 🔿	2	3 🔿	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾
	d. unreasonable deadlines		2	3 🔾	4	5	6 🔾
	e. unreasonable workload	1 ()	2	3 🔾	4	50	6 🔾
	f. staff turnover		2 🔿	3 (5 🔿	6 🔾
13.	I can complete my assigned workload during my regular working hours.	1 ()	2		4	5 🔿	6 ()
14.	I can balance my personal, family and work needs in my current job.			3	4 (5 🔿	6
15.	In the past year, I was compensated for the overtime I worked (in money or in leave).		20	3 🔾	4 🔾	5 🔿	6
16.	I am encouraged to be innovative or to take initiative in my work.		2 🔿	3 🔿	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾
17.	I have a say in decisions and actions that have an impact on my work.		2 🔿	3 🔿	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾
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	nmunication with my Immediate Le						
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Υοι	r immediate leader is the person who evaluate	es your wo	ork perforn	nance.			
		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
18.	I know what my immediate leader expects of me in my job.	1	2 🔿	3 ()	4 ()	5 🔾	6 🔾
19.	I receive useful feedback from my immediate leader on my job performance.	1 🔿	² ()	3 ()	4 ()	5 🔿	6 🔾
20.	I receive timely feedback from my immediate leader on my job performance.	1 ()	2	3 ()	4 🔿	5 🔿	6 🔾
21.	I can count on my immediate leader to keep his or her promises.	1	2	3 ()	4 (5 🔿	6

		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
22.	I get adequate recognition from my immediate leader when I do a good job.	1 ()	2 🔾	3 ()	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾
23.	My immediate leader keeps me informed about the issues affecting my work.	1 🔿	2	3	4 🔿	5 🔿	6
24.	My immediate leader and I discuss the results I am expected to achieve.	1 🔿	2	3 (4	5	6 🔾
25.	I feel that I can disagree with my immediate leader on work-related issues without fear of reprisal.	1	2	3		5	6
26.	My immediate leader assesses my work against identified goals and objectives.	1 ()	2	3		5 🔿	6 🔾
27.	If I were to suggest ways to improve how we do things, my immediate leader would take them seriously.		~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	3	4	5 ()	6 🔾
28.	My immediate leader distributes the work fairly.		20	3 ()	4 (⁵ ()	6 🔾
29.	Subject to operational requirements, my immediate leader supports the use of flexible/ alternate work arrangements (e.g., flexible hours, banked time, work-at-home, part-time).		2	³ ()	4 ()	5 ()	6 🔾
30.	My immediate leader helps me determine my learning needs.	1 ()	2	3 ()	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾

My Team

Your **team** includes you, your immediate leader and your colleagues. If you are a leader, do not include the employees you supervise.

		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
31.	I am proud of the work carried out in my team.		2	3	4 (5 🔿	6 🔾
32.	In my team, my colleagues treat me with respect.	1 🔿	2	3 ()	4 🔾	5 🔿	6 🔾
33.	In my team, we operate in an open and honest way.	1 ()	2	3 ()	4 (5 🔿	6
34.	In my team, we are good at sharing information with each other.	1	2	3 (4	5 🔿	6

		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
35.	In my team, we are good at sharing information with other teams.	1 ()	2	3 (4 ()	5 🔿	6
36.	In my team, we are open to new ideas about how we can improve the way we work.	1 ()	2	3 🔾	4 (5 🔿	6
37.	My team periodically takes time out to rethink the way it does business.	1 🔿	2	3 (4	5	6
38.	I am satisfied with the way in which informal complaints on workplace issues are resolved in my team.	1 _	2 ()	3	A	5	6
39.	In my team, every individual, regardless of race, colour, gender or disability, would be/is accepted as an equal member of the team.	1	2			5 ()	6 🔾
40.	Everyone on my team pulls their weight.		2	3	4 (5 🔿	6

My Skills and Career 11 Strongly Mostly Mostly Strongly Don't Not agree agree disagree disagree know applicable 2 3 5 6 4 \bigcirc **41.** I get the training I need to do my job. **42.** I am able to get on-the-job coaching to help me ³ () 5 1 2 6 4 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcap \bigcirc improve the way I do my work. 43. I have opportunities to develop and apply the ³ () 1 2 4 5 6 \bigcap \bigcap () \bigcirc \bigcirc skills I need to enhance my career. 44. My immediate leader does a good job of helping ³ () 1 2 4 5 6 \bigcap \bigcirc \bigcirc me develop my career. The NEB does a good job of supporting 45. ³ () 1 2 4 5 6 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc employee career development. 46. I believe I have opportunities for promotion within the NEB given my education, skills and 1 2 3 4 5 6 \bigcap experience. 47. I believe my best option for career advancement ³ () 1 2 5 6 4 \bigcap is to leave the NEB. ² () ³ () 48. I would be reluctant to ask for a developmental 1 4 5 6 \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc opportunity (secondment, new project, etc).

49.	ass	ve you requested a developmental ignment (such as secondment or new ject) within the last three years?	1	Yes 2	🔿 No - G	So to questio	n 52	
50.		he last three years, have you been ied a developmental assignment?	1	Yes 2	🔿 No - G	io to questio	n 52	
51.		re you given a reasonable explanation or ification for the denial of the assignment?	1	Yes 2	🔿 No		\sim	
			Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Significantly	Don't know	Not applicable
52.		erall, I am satisfied with my opportunities for eer progression.	1 ()	2 🔾	³ (5 🔿	6
53.	adv	what extent, if at all, have any of the following rersely affected your career progression at NEB over the last three years?						
	a.	Balance between work and family or personal obligations			3 ()	4 🔾	⁵ ()	6
	b.	Lack of access to learning opportunities	1		3 🔾	4 (5 🔿	6
	c.	Lack of access to developmental assignments		2 🔾	3 🔾	4 🔿	5 ()	6
	d.	Lack of information about jøb opportunities	1 ()	2 🔿	3 🔾	4 🔾	⁵ ()	6
	e.	Level of education	1 🔿	2 ()	3 ()	4	⁵ ()	6

Harassment and Discrimination

Harassment is any improper conduct that is directed at and offensive to another person and which the originator knew or ought reasonably to have known would be unwelcome or would cause offense. It comprises objectionable conduct, comment or any display that causes personal humiliation or embarrassment to an individual and/or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. It includes actions which may be considered to intimidate, threaten or mistreat an employee and which are not related to the maintenance of order and efficiency in the workplace. Harassment does not have to be face to face and while it normally involves repeated and persistent behaviour, a single incident may be of sufficient seriousness to constitute harassment. (*NEB Harassment Prevention Policy*.)

- 54. In the past two years, have you experienced harassment at the NEB?
 - ' 🔿 Yes

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No - Go to question 57

55.	Wł	nat type of harassment did you experience? (Mark all that apply.)								
	1	O Physical violence or threat of violence								
	2	Sexual harassment								
	3	Bullying								
	4	Abuse of authority								
	5	Other								
					\land					
50	_		Never	Once or twice	More than twice	Not applicable				
56.		om whom did you experience this harassment? Co-workers	1	2	30	4 🔿				
	b.	Individuals with authority over me		2	3 (4 ()				
	c.	Individuals working for me		× 2 ()	3 🔾	4 (
	d.	Contractors		² ()	3 (4 🔿				
	e.	Individuals from other government departments or agencies	1 ()	² ()	³ 〇	4 🔾				
	f.	Members of the public (individuals or organizations)	1 ()	² ()	3 🔾	4 🔿				
57.	 Discrimination means treating people differently, negatively or adversely without a good reason. As used in human rights laws, discrimination means making a distinction between certain individuals or groups based on a prohibited ground. Under the Canadian Human Rights Act, prohibited grounds are: race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex (including pregnancy and childbirth), marital status, family status, mental or physical disability (including dependence on alcohol or drugs), pardoned conviction or sexual orientation. 7. In the past two years, have you experienced discrimination at the NEB? ¹/₂ Yes ²/₂ No - Go to question 60 									
58.		ease indicate the type of discrimination you experienced. ark all that apply.)								
	01	○ Race ⁰⁵ ○ Age ⁰⁹ ○		or physical						
	02	\bigcirc National or ethnic 06 \bigcirc Sex 10	disability	-						
	03	origin 07 Marital status 11		ed conviction	I					
	04	 Religion Religion) Sexual (orientation						

59.	From whom did you experience this discriminatio	n?		Never	Once or twice	More than twice	Not applicable
	a. Co-workers			¹ ()	2 ()	3 🔾	4 🔿
	b. Individuals with authority over me			1 ()	2	3 🔾	4 🔿
	c. Individuals working for me			1 ()	2	3	4 🔿
	d. Contractors			1 ()	2 🔿 <	3	4
	e. Individuals from other government departmen	nts or agen	cies	1 ()	2	30~	4 🔿
	f. Members of the public (individuals or organiz	ations)				3 🔿	4 🔿
		Strongly agree	Mostly agree			gly Don't ree know	Not applicable
60.	I am satisfied with the way in which my <u>team</u> responds to matters related to harassment and discrimination.			3 C) 4 (5 (6
61.	I am satisfied with the way in which the NEB responds to matters related to harassment and discrimination.		2	3 C	4	5 (6
62.	The NEB works hard to create a workplace that prevents harassment and discrimination.		2 🔿	3 C			6
63.	I am satisfied with the actions taken to address issues identified in the 2000 NEB Survey on Harassment and Discrimination.	1 🔿	2 ()	3 C) 4 (5 _	6
64.	I feel that I can raise a complaint about harassment or discrimination without fear of reprisal.	1 🔿	2 🔿	3 C	4	5)	6 🔾
Sta	ffing						
		Strongly agree	Mostly agree				Not applicable
65.	In my team, I believe that we hire people who can do the job.		2 ()	³ C	4	5 0	6 🔾
66.	At the NEB, the process of selecting a person for a position is done fairly.	1 🔿	2 🔿	3 C) 4 (5 (6
67.	When I was a candidate in NEB competitions during the past three years, I found that the competitions were run in a fair manner.	1	2 ()	3 C	4	5	6

68.	In total, how many years have you been at your current group and level?	
	1 \bigcirc Less than three years	
	² 🔘 3 to 10 years	
	³ 🔵 11 to 20 years	
	⁴ O More than 20 years	
69.	In the past three years, how many promotions have you had?	4
	¹ O None	
	² One	
	³ O More than one	

Service to Clients

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Every NEB employee delivers goods or provides services to a client. A client could be an NEB employee, a public service employee, a member of the Canadian public or other clients outside Canada.

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		Strongly	Mostly	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
70.	My team has clearly defined client service standards.		2	³ ()	4 (5 🔿	6 🔾
71.	My team regularly meets the clients' needs.	N	2 ()	³ ()	4 (5 🔿	6 🔾
72.	In my team, client feedback or complaints get to the people who can act on the information.		2	3 ()	4 🔾	5 🔿	6
73.	My work environment provides me the flexibility to meet my clients' needs	1 🔿	2	³ ()	4 (5 🔿	6

Му	Organization						
		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
74.	I can clearly explain to others the NEB strategic plan (purpose, vision, values and goals).	1	² ()	3 ()	4 ()	5 🔿	⁶ ()
75.	I have good ongoing communication with others in my organization who work on similar projects or issues.	1	2	3 ()	4 ()	5 ()	6
76.	The ExTeam does a good job of sharing information.	1 🔿	2 🔿	3 (4 (5 🔵	6

		Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
77.	The ExTeam does a good job of giving feedback.	1	2	3 (4 ()	5 🔿	6
78.	I believe that leaders demonstrate NEB values.	1	2	3	4 (5 🔿	6
79.	I trust management at the NEB.	1	2 ()	3 🔾	4 🔿	5	6 🔾
80.	Board Members give fair and consistent feedback.	1	2	3 ()	4	50	6 🔾
81.	The ExTeam supports the use of flexible/alternate work arrangements (flexible hours, banked time, work-at-home, part-time, etc.)	1	2	3		5 🔿	6
82.	Leaders are committed to ensuring occupational health and safety in my workplace.		2	3	4 ()	5 🔿	6 🔾
83.	If I am faced with a health and safety issue in the workplace, I know where I can go for help in resolving the situation.	1		3 ()	4	5 🔿	6 🔾
84.	If I am faced with an ethical dilemma or a conflict between values in the workplace, I know where I can go for help in resolving the situation.		2	³ ()	4 🔿	5 ()	6 🔾
85.	I feel I can initiate a formal redress process (grievance, right of appeal, health and safety, etc.) without fear of reprisal	1 🔿	2 🔿	³ ()	4	5 ()	6 🔾
86.	I believe the ExTeam will try to resolve concerns raised in this survey.	1 ()	² ()	3 🔾	4 ()	5 🔿	6 🔾
87.	I believe the ExTeam has made progress toward resolving the issues raised in the 1999 NEB Employee Survey.	1	2	3 ()	4 🔿	5 ()	6 🔵
88.	Overall, the NEB treats me with respect.	1 ()	2 ()	3 (4 (5 🔿	6 🔾
89.	The NEB is a good place to work.	1	2	3 🔾	4 (5 🔿	6
90.	I am satisfied with my career at the NEB.	1	2	3 ()	4	5 🔿	6

	ployee Relations	Strongly agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Not applicable
91.	My team leader understands and respects the provisions of my collective agreement/terms and conditions of employment.	1 _	2	3 ()	4	5 ()	6
92.	The ExTeam respects the provisions of my collective agreement/terms and conditions of employment.	1	2 ()	3	4	5	6
93.	Management engages in meaningful consultation with my union on workplace issues.	1 ()	² ()	³ ()	4	50	6 🔾
94.	The relationship between my union and management in my organization is highly productive.	1	2	3 ((5 ()	6
		·		$\langle (\rangle \rangle$			
	neral Information)			
95.	In total, how many years have you been working 1	for the Pub	lič Service ⁴	8			
	\bigcirc Less than 3 years		$\bigvee \checkmark$				
	\bigcirc 3 to 10 years		\geq				
	 ⁴ More than 20 years 						
96.	In total, how many years have you been working	for the NEE	?				
	¹ \bigcirc Less than 3 years						
	² 3 to 10 years						
	3 \bigcirc 11 to 20 years						
	⁴ More than 20 years						
97.	Please specify in which unit you are currently wo	rkina.					
	¹ Chairman and Board Members	0					
	 ² Executive Office (including Office of the C Legal Services and Office of the Secretar 				sional Leade	ership Te	∍am,
	3 \bigcirc Applications						
	⁴ O Commodities						
	⁵ O Corporate Services						
	⁶ O Information Management						
	⁷ Operations						
	Statistics Canada guarantees that the unit identify you.	informatio	n you prov	vide will not	be used in	any wa	y to

98.	In order to ensure confidentiality, levels have been grouped in five categories. In which group is your substantive level?
	¹ O NEB 1-5
	² O NEB 6-9
	³ O NEB 10-12
	⁴ O NEB 13+
	⁵ Other
99.	What is your current employee status?
	$1 \bigcirc \dots $
	Indeterminate (permanent)
	² O Term
	³ On contract / temp agency
	⁴ Other (e.g., student, governor-in-council appointment)
100	What is your first official language?
	² French
101	What are the language requirements of your position?
102	Do you occupy a position in which you provide services directly to the public as a regular part of your job?
	1 Yes
	² No - Go to question 104
103	In which official language(s) do you provide services to the public?
	¹ C English only
	² O Both English and French

104.	104. Are you planning to leave the NEB within the next five years?					
	1	◯ Yes				
	2	No - Go to question 107				
105.	Wit	thin what time frame do you anticipate leaving the NEB?				
	a.	The next year? $1 \bigcirc Yes \stackrel{2}{\bigcirc} No$	³ O Ma	ybe		
	b.	1 to 3 years? 1 \bigcirc Yes 2 \bigcirc No	³ O Ma	ybe)
	c.	3 to 5 years? ¹ \bigcirc Yes ² \bigcirc No	³ O Ma	ybe	\rangle	
106.		w important would each of the following reasons for your departure from the NEB?	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important	Not applicable
	а.	Retirement		2 🔿	³ ()	4
	b.	Family obligations		2 ()	³ ()	4 🔾
	c.	Return to school		2	³ ()	4 🔿
	d.	To pursue other employment opportunities		2	3	4 🔾
	e.	Health (burnout, disability, etc.)		2 🔿	3 (4 🔾
	f.	To make better use of my training and skills		2	³ ()	4
	g.	End of contract or term of employment		2 🔾	³ ()	4 🔾
	h. <	Workplace difficulties (conflict with management or colleagues, work environment, etc.)		2	3 🔾	4 🔿
	i.	Work unit transferred to private sector or other level of government		2 ()	³ ()	4 🔿
107.	Wh	nat is your union affiliation?				
	1	O PIPSC				
	2	O PSAC				
	3	O None				

108. Are you currently a leader?				
¹ O Yes				
2 No				
109. What is your age group?				
¹ O Up to 29 years				
² 30 to 39 years				
³ 40 to 49 years				
⁴ 🔿 50 to 54 years				
⁵ 55 years and over				
110. What is your gender?				
² Female				
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111. What is the highest level of education you have ever completed?				
¹ Secondary/high school graduation certificate or equivalent or less				
² Diploma or certificate from a community college, CECEP, institute of technology, nursing school, etc. or a trades certificate or diploma				
³ O University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level				
⁴ O Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BSc				
⁵ University certificate or diploma above the bachelor's level (e.g., MA, MSc, Phd, MD.)				
112. Are you an Aboriginal person?				
(An Aboriginal person is a North American Indian or a member of a First Nation, a Métis or an Inuit. North American Indians or members of a First Nation include status, treaty or registered Indians, as well as pon-status and non-registered Indians.)				
113. Are you a person with a disability?				
(A person with a disability has a long-term or recurring physical, mental, sensory, psychiatric or learning impairment and considers himself or herself to be disadvantaged in employment by reason of that impairment, or believes that an employer or potential employer is likely to consider him or her to be disadvantaged in employment by reason of that impairment, and includes persons whose functional limitations owing to their impairment have been accommodated in their current job or workplace.)				
¹ O Yes				
² O No - Go to question 115				

114. Are you provided with the accessibility tools and/or alternate media resources that are critical in the performance of your work?				
¹ O Yes				
² 🔿 No				
³ O Not applicable				
115. Are you a member of a visible minority group?				
(A member of a visible minority in Canada may be defined as someone [other than an Aboriginal person] who is non-white in colour/race, regardless of place of birth. For example, Black, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian/East Indian, Southeast Asian, non-white West Asian, North African or Arab, non-white Latin American, person of mixed origin [with one parent in one of the visible minority groups in this list], or other visible minority group.)				
² O No				
116. Did you complete and return a questionnaire in the last NEB Employee Survey (1999)?				
¹ \bigcirc Yes				
Thank you for your co-operation in				
completing this questionnaire.				
Your views are important.				