

Australian Legal Sector Alliance Sustainability Insight 2018

Swaab

Firm Entry and Benchmarking Summary





Our Firm

Swaab 2018

About Our Firm

Swaab is a multi-award winning, mid-sized commercial law firm offering legal services across a number of core practice areas and industry groups. With 14 partners we have been helping our clients' businesses grow for over 30 years. We have strong capabilities in the areas of commercial and corporate law and our large private client practice provides family law, estate planning and other high net worths personal services. In recent years, we have been recognised for both our excellent client service and our exceptional work environment. We also have a number of international clients for whom we act as attorneys and agents to assist them with their introduction to Australia's business landscape and the development of their business in Australia.

Firm Details

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark
Firm Name	Swaab Attorneys	Swaab	
Number of Employees	82	76	Lowest:
			Highest: 1,88
			Average: 59
Offices Floor Area	2,261	2,261	Lowest: 66
			Highest: 42,90
			Average: 14,0
Number of Offices	1	1	
Supporting files uploaded	N/A		

Person responsible for reporting

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User comments and notes

Nil

Our People

About People Programs

We place a high value on the well-being of our people. Our Managing Partner is on the board of the Minds Count Foundation and our firm is a regular supporter by monthly donation. We have partnered with Optum to provide an employee assistance program with 24 hours seven days a week access for our people and their families. We have a range of learning and development initiatives that focus on mental health and well-being. We are a signatory to the Law Council's Diversity and Equality Charter. 43% of our partners are females and we demonstrate a disproportionately high female leadership team. This is something that our firm is extremely proud of because this has happened organically, without any set targets for diversity. We have a high number of part-time employees, both female and male and we have embraced flexible working across all levels of the firm.

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark
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User comments and notes

Nil

Gender Equality

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Gender equality - Policy?	Yes	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	10%
			Currently in development	0%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality policy -	No	No	Yes	61%
Published			No	39%
			In development	0%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality - Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Gender equality - Managed	Partner	Partner	Partner	58%
by	Director or Manager	Committee	Director or Manager	58%
	Committee	Director or Manager	Committee	61%
Gender Equality - Programs	International Women's Day	International Women's Day	International Women's Day	82%
			Employer of Choice for Gender Equality	58%

			Pay Equity Ambassador	58%
			Male Champion of Change	21%
			Board Links Champion	0%
			LCA Diversity and Inclusion Charter	0%
			Equitable briefing pledge (e.g. CommBar/LCA)	0%
			Host or lead externa programs and/or forums	al 0%
			Female advancementation and coaching	ent, 0%
			Training - Gender awareness unconscious bias	0%
			Gender sensitive promotion and recruitment	0%
			Internal D&I networ or committees	ks 0%
			LSNSW Charter - Advancement of Women	0%
			Equal pay controls	0%
			DCA major sponsor	0%
			Showcasing gender diversity experience	
			Women on Boards	0%
			UN Womens' Empowerment Signatory	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are n covered in the broa categories above - max 20 words	or
Gender Equality - Targets	No	No	Yes	68%
			No	29%
			Not reported	3%
Gender profile - Partners	57% Male	57% Male	Lowest:	0% Male
			Highest:	92% Male
			Average:	70% Male
Gender profile - Legal staff	43% Male	44% Male	Lowest: Highest:	0% Male 54% Male

			Average:	41% Male
Gender profile - Non legal staff	12% Male	16% Male	Lowest: Highest:	0% Male 48% Male
			•	
			Average:	22% Male

Nil

Flexible Working

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Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Flexible working - Policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Flexible working policy -	No	No	Yes	29%
Published			No	68%
			In development	0%
			Not reported	3%
Flexible working - Programs	Flexible work hours	Flexible work hours	Flexible work hours	91%
and initiatives	Time in lieu	Time in lieu	Part time options	0%
	Unpaid leave Carer's leave	Unpaid leave	Job sharing	85%
		Carer's leave	Remote working tools and systems	0%
			Support for flexible working	0%
			Time in lieu	85%
			Unpaid leave	94%
			Carer's leave	91%
			Study leave	0%
			Volunteering leave	0%
			Religious and ceremonial leave	0%
			Purchased leave	0%
			Career breaks	0%
			Subsidised child care	0%
			Phased retirement	0%
			Adjusted KPIs after absences	0%
			Sabbaticals	0%
			Bonus leave	0%
			Domestic violence leave	0%
			Family and fertility leave	0%

			School Holiday Programs	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	52%
Paid parental leave scheme	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%
			No	6%
			Not reported	0%
Parental scheme - Primary	Yes	Yes	Yes	93%
and secondary carers			No	7%
Parental scheme - Aspects	Paid leave for primary care giver	Paid leave for primary care giver	Paid leave for primary care giver	88%
	Paid leave for secondary care giver	Paid leave for secondary care giver	Paid leave for secondary care giver	82%
	Additional leave without pay available	Additional leave without pay available	Additional leave without pay available	88%
Paid parental leave - Primary	NaN	NaN	Lowest:	0
care giver			Highest:	9,999
			Average:	332
Paid parental leave -	NaN	NaN	Lowest:	0
Secondary care giver			Highest:	9,999
			Average:	325
Maternity leave returns	100%	66%	Lowest:	0 %
			Highest:	100 %
			Average:	83 %

User comments and notes

Nil

Diversity and Inclusion

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Diversity policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%
			No	0%
			Partial	6%
			Currently in development	0%
			Not reported	0%

Diversity policy - Published	No	No	Yes	48%
			No	52%
			In development	0%
			Not reported	0%
Diversity policy - Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
Diversity policy - Managed by	Partner	Partner	Partner	55%
	Director or Manager	Committee	Director or Manager	61%
	Committee	Director or Manager	Committee	67%
Disability accessibility	Yes	Yes	Yes	61%
standards?			No	19%
			Currently in development	16%
			Not reported	3%

Nil

LGBTQ+ Inclusion

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
LGBTI inclusiveness - Policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	81%
			No	6%
			Not reported	13%
LGBTI inclusiveness policy -	No	No	Yes	60%
Published			No	40%
			In development	0%
			Not reported	0%
LGBTI inclusiveness -	Yes	Yes	Yes	87%
Managed			No	6%
			Not reported	6%
LGBTI inclusiveness -	Partner	Partner	Partner	52%
Managed by	Director or Manager	Committee	Director or Manager	45%
	Committee	Director or Manager	Committee	61%
LGBTI inclusiveness - Activities or programs	Law Council Diversity and Equality Charter	Law Council Diversity and Equality Charter	Membership - Pride in Diversity	58%
			Training - LGBTQ+ awareness	61%
			AWEI survey	48%

IDAHOBIT	52%
Wear it Purple Day	0%
World Aids Day	0%
Membership - Out for Australia	0%
Internal LGBTQ + networks or committees	0%
Pro bono support	0%
LCA Diversity and Inclusion Charter	0%
External LGBTQ+ programs hosting	0%
Training - LGBTQ+ awareness	0%
Gender pronouns promotion	0%
Trans Awareness Week	0%
Pride March	0%
Mardi Gras	0%
Midsumma	0%
Gender affirmation policy	0%
InterFirm events	0%
AWEI award	0%
Stonewall top Global Employer	0%
Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	61%

Nil

Physical and Psychological Wellbeing

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Psychological well-being - Policy or strategy	Yes	Yes	Yes	87%
1 only of strategy			No	10%
			Not reported	3%
Psychological well-being	No	No	Yes	26%
policy or strategy - Published			No	70%
			In development	4%

			Not reported	0%
Psychological well-being - Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes No Not reported	84% 10% 6%
Psychological well-being - Managed by	Partner Director or Manager Committee	Partner Committee Director or Manager	Partner Director or Manager Committee	45% 61% 33%
Psychological wellbeing - Programs or activities	Minds Count -TJMF Guidelines R U OK? program Psychological support/ EAP	Minds Count -TJMF Guidelines Beyond Blue program R U OK? program	Minds Count -TJMF Guidelines Beyond Blue program R U OK? program	64% 42% 88%
	Mental health first aid training and support	Mental health first aid training and support	Black Dog Institute program Psychological support/ EAP	36% 85%
			Mental health first aid training and support	76%
			Mental Health Awareness Week	0%
			Resilience at Law	0%
			Training - Mental health awareness and management	0%
			Salary continuance	0%
			External mental health programs hosting	0%
			Domestic violence strategy	0%
			Mental health office champion	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	67%
Physical and psychological	Yes	Yes	Yes	58%
well-being - Monitoring			No	23%
			Currently in development	13%
			Not reported	6%
Physical health and well-	Yes	Yes	Yes	90%
being - Policy or strategy?			No	6%
			Not reported	3%

Physical health and well- being policy or strategy - Published	No	No	Yes No In development Not reported	21% 75% 4% 0%
Physical well-being - Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes No Not reported	90% 6% 3%
Physical well-being - Managed by	Partner Director or Manager Committee	Partner Committee Director or Manager	Partner Director or Manager Committee	36% 67% 42%
Physical well-being programs or initiatives	Ergonomics program Flu vaccinations Subsidised wellness activities and gym membership	Free wellness activities such as yoga and subsidised gym	Ergonomics program Proactive health checks Flu vaccinations Internal exercise	91% 76% 88% 85%
		membership	sessions Gym memberships Team events Massages Wellness awareness	0% 0% 0% 0%
			and promotion Subsidised health insurance	0%
			Onsite fruit and healthy catering	0%
			Life & TPD insurance Ergonomics program - offsite	0% 0%
			Health EAP	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	64%

Nil

Staff Development

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Staff development program	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%
			No	3%

			In development Not reported	0% 3%
Staff development program -	Partners	Partners	Partners	88%
Coverage	Lawyers	Lawyers	Lawyers	88%
			Business Support Staff	85%
Staff development program -	Coaching	Coaching	Coaching	85%
Activities and initiatives	Mentoring	Mentoring	Mentoring	88%
	Professional skills	Professional skills	Professional skills	88%
	Internally delivered training programs	Internally delivered training programs	Internally delivered training programs	88%
	Attending external training or seminars	Attending external training or seminars	Attending external training or seminars	88%
	Substantive Law	Substantive Law	Substantive Law	82%
	Personal development	Personal development	Personal development	88%
	Technology training	Technology training	Technology training	88%
	Internal policy training	Internal policy training	Internal policy training	88%
			Other (please specify, max 20 words)	12%
Staff development program -	In development	In development	Yes	97%
Resourcing			No	0%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%

Nil

Data Validation

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
I confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%

User comments and notes

Nil

Community

About Community Programs

We have a formal sustainability charter which includes focus on pro bono and community engagement. We have a structured alliance with the Minds Count Foundation and Lifeline for whom we do pro bono work. We are working towards formalising and better streamlining our sustainability charter across the firm with respect to pro bono and community focused activities so that we have an internal formal strategy and focus. We take on work experience students and a number of our partners have built relationships through University alumni to support law students as they progress through their university journey. We actively encourage involvement in the not for profit sector, providing support and resources when requested by employees around organisations about which they are passionate. We partner with Corporate Citizen for our workplace giving program. We hold a number of fundraising events throughout the year and any money raised during firm activities is matched by Partners.

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark

User comments and notes

Nil

Legal Pro Bono

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Pro bono - Strategy	Yes	Yes	Yes	97%
			No	0%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Pro bono Strategy -	In development	In development	Yes	48%
published			No	39%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	10%
Pro bono Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%
			No	3%
			In development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Pro bono coordinator - Managed by	Partner	Partner		
Pro bono coordinator - Full-	Full-time	Full-time	Full-time	45%
time or part-time role			Part-time	41%
			No coordinator or manager	10%

			Not reported	3%
Australian Pro Bono Centre	No	No	Yes	77%
Aspirational Target -			No	23%
Signatory			In development	0%
			Not reported	0%
Australian Pro Bono Centre	No date currently set	No date currently set	Target currently met	42%
Aspirational Target - Plan			Goal date has been set	10%
			No date currently set	48%

Nil

Non Legal Volunteering

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Support for board positions of	Yes	Yes	Yes	87%
organisations for social and environmental good			No	0%
environmental good			Not reported	13%
Non legal volunteering -	No	No	Yes	81%
Support			Currently in development	3%
			No	13%
			Not reported	3%
Non-legal volunteering -	NFP Boards	NFP Boards	NFP Boards	73%
Activities			Organised staff volunteering	76%
			Paid volunteer time	42%
			Charity events and appeals	0%
			Blood donations	0%
			Student tutoring and mentoring	0%
			Secondments to NFPs	0%
			Skilled volunteering program	0%
			Community volunteering	0%
			Arts support	0%
			CPD for community sector lawyers	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor	21%

			covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	
Does your firm collect	In development	In development	Yes	26%
data on the levels of staff			No	39%
participation in non-legal volunteering?			In development	35%

Nil

Corporate and Workplace Giving

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Corporate giving - Program?	Yes	Yes	Yes No	94%
			Not reported	3%
Corporate giving - Activities	Firm donation program Matched funding for	Firm donation program Matched funding for	Firm donation program	82%
	employee donations	employee donations	Charitable foundation Workplace giving	27% 3%
			Matched funding for employee donations	58%
			Internal appeals and collections	0%
			External charity events and appeals	0%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	21%
			Host external charity events	0%
Does your firm collect data	Yes	Yes	Yes	39%
on levels of staff participation in corporate supported giving			No	42%
programs?			In development	19%
Corporate sponsored giving -	N/A	10	Lowest:	0 %
Employee participation			Highest:	0 %
			Average:	0 %

User comments and notes

Nil

Indigenous Reconciliation

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
ndigenous reconciliation -	Currently in development	Currently in development	Yes	52%
Policy?			No	23%
			Currently in development	23%
			Not reported	3%
ndigenous reconciliation -	Yes	Yes	Yes	79%
Managed			No	0%
			Not reported	4%
			In development	17%
ndigenous reconciliation -	Partner	Partner	Partner	30%
Managed by	Director or Manager	Director or Manager	Director or Manager	33%
	Committee	Committee	Committee	48%
Indigenous reconciliation - Activities or programs	Internships and employment	Internships and employment	Reconciliation Action Plan	48%
			Cultural awareness training	52%
			NAIDOC Week	61%
			National Reconciliation Week	48%
			Internships and employment	55%
			Scholarships and student mentoring	0%
			Indigenous employment and internship programs	0%
			Affirmative ATSI procurement	0%
			Pro bono support	0%
			Volunteering and secondments	0%
			Collaboration for reconciliation	0%
			Funding and donations	0%
			Indigenous Business Month	0%
			Indigenous Literacy Day	0%
			Supply Nation Membership	0%
			CareerTrackers participation	0%

Other programs 33% not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words

User comments and notes

Nil

Data Validation

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
I confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%

User comments and notes

Nil

Environment

Environmental Management

We are committed to our green initiatives, both simple and complex, which include stationary recycling drives, waste recycling, reducing power usage through such initiatives as lighting reductions and introduced utilities such as follow me print to avoid unnecessary printing. We are currently developing a paper-lite program to encourage everyone to reduce paper use.

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Environment -Policy?	Yes	No	Yes	90%
			No	6%
			Currently in development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Environment - Managed	Yes	Yes	Yes	84%
			No	10%
			Not reported	6%
Environment - Managed by	Partner	Partner	Partner	39%
	Director or Manager	Director or Manager	Director or Manager	45%
	Committee	Committee	Committee	42%
Green office - Activities or programs	N/A	Earth Hour	World Environment Day	39%
			Office green teams	0%
			Sustainability Advantage (NSW)	6%
			CitySwitch Green Office	27%
			Other programs not included above (please only include programs that are nor covered in the broad categories above - max 20 words	33%
Environmental Targets	No	No	Yes	68%
			No	23%
			Not reported	10%
Environmental Management	No	No	Yes	32%
System (EMS)			No	45%
			Currently in development	10%

Not reported

13%

User comments and notes

Nil

Climate Change Action

Nil

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchma	rk
Renewable electricity	0	0	Lowest:	0
generated onsite			Highest:	0
			Average:	0
Renewable electricity	kWh	kWh	kWh	100%
generated onsite unit			MJ	0%
			GJ	0%
Carbon offset credits	0	0	Lowest:	0
purchased			Highest:	16,000
			Average:	1,124

User comments and notes

Nil

164.91

Gross total emissions CO2e

2.17

Gross emissions per employee

0.07

Gross emissions per floor area

Carbon emission sources

Scope 1	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
On-Site Combustion	0.00	0.0000	0.0000
Company Vehicles	0.00	0.0000	0.0000
Refrigerants	1.41	0.0185	0.0006

0.0000

Scope 2	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
Purchased Electricity	147.43	1.9398	0.0652
Scope 3	Tonnes CO2e	Per employee	Per floor area
Flights	12.91	0.1699	0.0057
Taxis	3.16	0.0416	0.0014
Hire Cars	0.00	0.0000	0.0000

Electricity

Personal Vehicles

Electricity Type	State	Consumption (kWh)
Purchased electricity (General)	NSW	163,807

0.01

0.0001

Natural Gas

Gas Type	State	Consumption (MJ)
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No data available.

Domestic Air Travel

Seat Class	Distance (km)	Number of Flights
Economy	N/A	36
Business	N/A	2

International Air Travel

Seat Class	Distance (km)	Number of Flights
Economy	N/A	6
Business	N/A	0

Seat Class	Distance (km)	Number of Flights
First Class	N/A	0

Car Travel

Vehicle Type	Number of journeys	Distance (km)	Spend (AUD)
Taxi	N/A	N/A	39,515
Hire Cars	N/A	N/A	13
Company Cars	N/A	0	N/A
Personal Cars	N/A	N/A	33

Refrigerant Loss

Fridge Type	Number of Units
Bar Fridges/freezers	1
Standard Fridges/freezers	7
Commercial Fridges/freezers	0
Standalone Air Conditioning Units	5

Inhouse Paper Consumption

Paper size	Paper weight (gsm)	Paper purchased (reams)	Green label	% recycled content
A4	80	3,350	Other Certifications	0
A3	80	27	Other Certifications	0
A3	80	48	Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certified	20
A4	120	1	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	100
A4	120	1	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	0

Paper size	Paper weight (gsm)	Paper purchased (reams)	Green label	% recycled content
A4	250	1	Paper category has No Environmental Certifications	0

Outsourced Paper Consumption

No of impressions (sheets)	% of impressions that are printed double sided
278,575	20

Total Paper Consumption

Туре	Paper Consumption (kg)
Ream consumption	8,745.58
Outsourced Printing	1,250.98
Total paper consumption	9,996.56

0.52

% recycled paper purchased

131.53

Total paper consumption per employee

4.42

Total paper consumption per floor area

Waste

Waste type	Facilities available	Percentage of sites where available
Paper & cardboard recycling	Available	100
Comingles recycling	Available	100
Organic waste treatment/recycling	Available	100
e-Waste reuse or recycling	Available	100

Carbon mitigation activities

Activity	Tonnes CO2e
Emissions Avoided from Green Tariff Electricity	0.00
Voluntary carbon offsetting	0.00

164.91
Net total emissions CO2e

Net total emissions per employee CO2e

Net emissions per floor area CO2e

Governance

About Governance Programs

Swaab has introduced a formal policy on sustainability. The five pillars of the firm's sustainability initiative are people, community, environmental, pro bono and supply chain. At Swaab, sustainability is regarded as an integral part of our business management practice. We have a sustainability committee comprised of partners and staff who take responsibility for each pillar of the sustainability initiative. The sustainability committee have been successful this year in establishing a firmwide response to sustainability. Projects include indigenous internship program, increased community engagement through corporate citizen, developing a paper lite-program, moving to carbon neutral paper, engaging with suppliers regarding CSR as part of our procurement process, recycling drives, setting a formal pro bono budget and strengthening our relationship with Lifeline and Minds Count. We are a signatory to the Law Council's Diversity and Equity Charter. The sustainability committee has been successful in keeping sustainability on the partnership and management's agenda on a regular basis.

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark

User comments and notes

Nil

Sustainable Supply Chain Management

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Sustainable Supply Chain	Yes	Yes	In development	0%
Management - Program?			Yes	48%
			No	42%
			Not reported	10%
Sustainable Supply Chain Management - Application	To both existing and new suppliers and products	To both existing and new suppliers and products	To new suppliers and products	0%
			To both existing and new suppliers and products	100%
Sustainable Supply Chain	Environmental impacts	Environmental impacts	Human rights	36%
Management Coverage		·	Environmental impacts	45%
			Fair labour practices	18%
			Fair consumer and competition practices	0%
			Community development	27%
			Indigenous inclusion	27%
			Gender equality	33%

Sustainable development goals	0%
Modern Slavery	0%
Diversity and Inclusion	0%
Fraud bribery & corruption	0%
UN Global compact and SDGs	0%
Other (please specify, max 20 words)	6%

Nil

Code of Conduct

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Code of conduct in place	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Currently in development	0%
			Not reported	0%
Code of conduct - Training?	Yes	Yes	Yes	90%
			No	6%
			Currently in development	3%
			Not reported	0%
Documented complaints and	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
grievance mechanism			No	0%
			Not reported	0%

User comments and notes

Nil

Risk Management

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Risk management plan	Yes	Yes	Yes	100%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%

Business Continuity Plan (BCP) or Emergency Response Plan (ERP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	97%
			No	0%
			Not reported	0%
			Currently in development	3%

Nil

Sustainability Reporting

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
Sustainability Reporting - Published	No	No	Yes	32%
			No	48%
			In development	6%
			Not reported	13%
Firms' AusLSA reporting - Promotion	Yes	Yes	Yes	39%
			No	42%
			In development	10%
			Not reported	10%

User comments and notes

Nil

Data Validation

Question	2017 Response	2018 Response	2018 Benchmark	
I confirm that data validation has been completed for this section	Yes	Yes	Yes	94%

User comments and notes

Nil