

# Survey of Agency Forum Status

Initial Results of February 2011  
Survey

# Background to February Survey

- Last November, we did an initial survey to determine how many forums had been established at departments and agencies
- Agencies reported that 619 forums had been established and another 612 were in process of being established
- To obtain more detailed information we conducted a follow up survey in February

# Follow Up Survey

- We also asked agencies for additional information on their forums, including:
  - whether the forums were established at, above, or below the level of recognition, and
  - the frequency with which their forums meet.

# Response

- To date we have received full or partial responses from 31 of 51 agencies, but those agencies represent close to 95% of the total number of forums originally reported in November

# Results

- Total number of forums in place has increased to **696**
- Total number of employees covered by a forum is **765,757**
- Total number of bargaining unit employees reported is **1,137,216**
- **67.34** % of bargaining unit employees are covered by a forum

# Results - continued

- The overwhelming majority of forums are established AT the level of recognition
- There is wide variance both within and among agencies in terms of how frequently their forums meet
  - The majority of forums have a regular meeting schedule, which is often monthly