

# **Medical Training Survey**

2023 Report



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#### THE 2023 MEDICAL TRAINING SURVEY

There is so much to learn from the rich data generated through the Medical Training Survey (MTS). As in past years, the headline results are interesting and important.

With five consecutive years' of MTS results now at our fingertips, we have the opportunity to examine the data closely and find the meaning beneath the surface. In this detail lies the evidence that can inform constructive change.

Organisations across the health sector owe it to current doctors in training, and our future medical workforce, to harness the value of this important data.

Once again, the MTS is proving an invaluable diagnostic tool, signalling what's going well in training and identifying issues to watch and act on. Trends are visible early, enabling close monitoring or swift action by the agencies best placed to respond and effect positive change.

Results this year are again broadly consistent with previous years, with some small but statistically significant variations. There is a lot going well in medical training with clear signs for optimism.

The 2023 MTS results show that the quality of supervision, orientation, education and training and patient safety training has improved. Trainees report that their workload and hours of work have reduced. Fewer trainees are considering leaving the profession. The upticks from last year's results, although small in change, are statistically significant and encouraging.

We also invite caution, given what is statistically significant may not always be practically meaningful with such a large sample size.

Early trends warrant close monitoring that is made possible by public access to the MTS data. It will be interesting to learn over time how much and what parts of trainee experiences relate to the easing of pandemic-related pressures and what changes are flowing from both specific and systemic improvements.

Disappointingly, the culture of medical training needs ongoing attention. In such a complex system of shared accountabilities and responsibilities, there is no quick fix. The urgent need for ongoing commitment to building a culture of respect in medicine and medical training remains.

It is totally unacceptable that 54% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees experienced and/or witnessed bullying, harassment, discrimination and racism. It is inexcusable that 35% of all trainees did. The longitudinal MTS data makes clear that this area is yet to improve and shows a critical and urgent need for action.

There is nuance beneath the headline numbers and variation in the results, across medical disciplines, jurisdictions and health services. Year on year comparisons shine a light on where good things are happening and that specific initiatives are making a difference. It also spotlights areas where focus and action are needed.

Five years of legitimising trainees' experience, through MTS questions about culture and behaviour may in itself be encouraging doctors in training to speak up about these issues. Close longitudinal analysis is key.

There is a well-established link between culture and patient safety. Collaboration between frontline organisations will enable lasting cultural change. Ready public access to rich, longitudinal MTS data creates opportunities for shared learning that can support the cultural transformation our system needs.

The MTS again received strong participation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees with 176 responses. We value the feedback on experience of medical training provided by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees. This important data can support our journey towards providing culturally safe and appropriate medical training, and more broadly, culturally safe healthcare.

New questions on flexible training and working arrangements provide an important baseline to monitor future trends. Trainees report that their specialist colleges generally support (access to) flexible training, but this support is not replicated in the workplace. Nearly one in five considered accessing flexible working arrangements, but, were unable or chose not to access it.

I am grateful to every doctor in training who made it a priority to do the 2023 MTS. More than half Australia's doctors in training - 54.5% of trainees - have shared their insights. Agencies with the power to effect change must listen to what we are being told.



Dr Anne Tonkin AO Chair, Medical Board of Australia

### **Background**

#### INTRODUCTION

The Medical Training Survey (MTS) is a national, profession-wide survey of doctors in training in Australia. It is a confidential way to get national, comparative data to strengthen medical training in Australia. The MTS is conducted annually with doctors in training, with 2023 representing the fifth wave of data collection.

The objectives of the survey are to:

- promote better understanding of the quality of medical training in Australia
- identify how best to improve medical training in Australia, and

 identify and help deal with potential issues in medical training that could impact on patient safety, including environment and culture, unacceptable behaviours and poor supervision.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra), on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board), commissioned EY Sweeney to undertake data collection and report on the results for the MTS.

#### **METHOD**

Data collection for the MTS involved receiving responses to an online survey from n=23,298 doctors in training, with n=22,337 responses eligible for analysis (i.e. currently training in Australia) between 9 August and 8 October 2023.



42,732 doctors in training invited to the survey in 2023



54.5% doctors in training responded to the survey



176
respondents were
Aboriginal and/or
Torres Strait Islanders

Different versions of the survey were used to reflect the particular training environment of doctors who are at different stages in their training. Doctors in training answered questions about their experiences in their workplace. This could be the doctor in training's current setting, workplace, placement or rotation, or might be a previous setting, if they have only been practising or training in their current setting for less than two weeks.

For this report, results for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are presented at an overall level. To explore results within Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors in training further, please visit medicaltrainingsurvey.gov.au/results.

#### INTERPRETING THIS REPORT

This report provides key results based on n = 176 doctors in training who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders compared against national results (n = 22,337) of all eligible doctors in training (i.e. currently training in Australia).

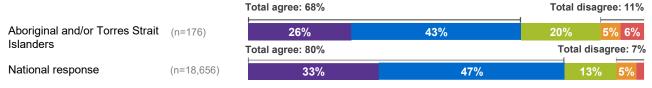
Bases exclude 'not applicable' responses or where the respondent skipped the question. Data in this report are unweighted. Labels on stacked charts are hidden for results 3% or less. Results with base sizes of less than n = 10 are suppressed.

Data percentages displayed throughout the report are rounded to the nearest whole number. As such, if there is an expectation for a given chart or table that all percentages stated should add to 100% or nets should equal to the sum of their parts, this may not happen due to rounding.

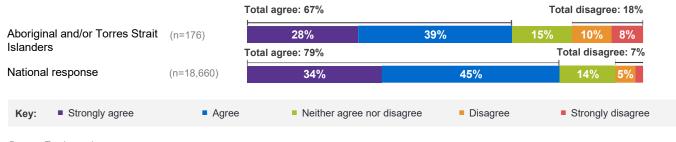
### **Executive summary**

#### **OVERALL SATISFACTION**

### I would recommend my current training position to other doctors

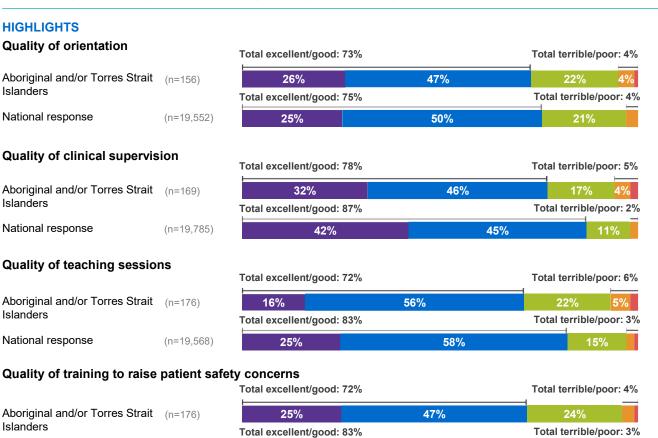






Base: Total sample

Q50. Thinking about your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?



Base: Orientation received | Q27B. How would you rate the quality of your orientation?

(n=18,785)

Agree

Base: Have a supervisor | Q31. For your setting, how would you rate the quality of your clinical supervision / peer review?

Base: Total sample | Q39. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the teaching sessions? | Q48. In your setting, how would you rate the quality of your training on how to raise concerns about patient safety?

32%

50%

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Key:

National response

Strongly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

### Profile of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors in training

#### **SETTING**

### Region







Do not wish to specify 1%

Base: Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres

Strait Islanders: n = 175)

Q6. Is your current setting in a...?

### **Facility**



Training at a hospital

**71%** 



Not training at a hospital

29%

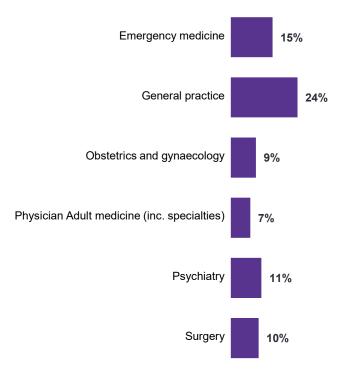
Base: Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres

Strait Islanders: n = 176)

Q5A. Is your current position/term/rotation/placement

predominantly in a hospital?

### **CURRENT ROTATION / TERM / POSITION**



Base: Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 176),

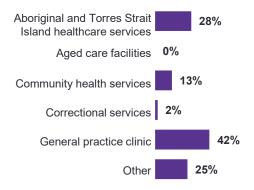
fields with 10 or more responses shown. Note: fields marked with an \* are

subspecialties

Q9a. Which area are you currently practising in? | Q9b. If applicable, which

subspecialty area are you practising in?

### Additional settings worked in



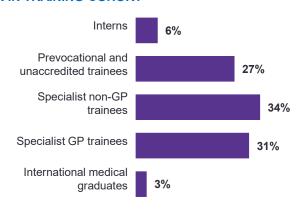
Base: Total sample excluding Not applicable (2023 Aboriginal

and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 83)

Select any additional settings you work in / Which

settings do you work in?

### **DOCTOR IN TRAINING COHORT**



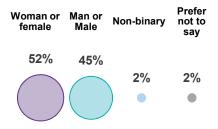
Base: Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 176)

Q5c.

### Profile of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors in training

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**



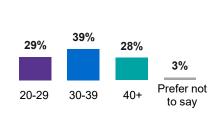


Total sample (2023 Aboriginal

and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n =

Do you identify as ...? Q55.

#### Age in years



Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Base: Torres Strait Islanders: n = 170)

Intern^ 7%

Other 3%

Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres

Strait Islanders: n = 176). ^Asked of IMGs

Q56. What is your age?

Resident Medical Officer / Hospital Medical Officer Principal House Officer | 1%

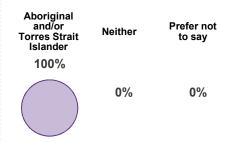
Career Medical Officer 1%

Unaccredited Registrar

Q7.

Registrar Specialist<sup>^</sup>

#### Cultural background

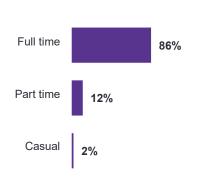


Base: Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 176) Q57.

Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

person?

### **Employment**

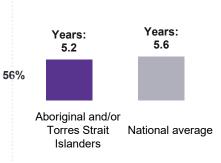


Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 173)

Q2. Are you employed:

#### Role Postgraduate year

### Postgraduate year average is



Total sample (National: 2023 n = 21,944; Base: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 173

Q1. What is your postgraduate year?

#### **Primary degree**

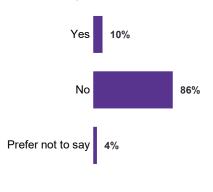


Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: n = 176)

Q58a. Did you complete your primary medical degree in Australia or New Zealand?

### Do you identify as a person with a disability...

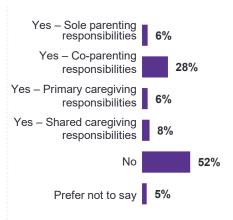
What is your role in the setting?



Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Base: Torres Strait Islanders: n = 175) Q60 Do you identify as a person with a

disability?

### Caring responsibilities



Total sample (2023 Aboriginal and/or Base:

Torres Strait Islanders: n = 176)

Q61. During your usual work week, do you spend time providing unpaid care, help, or assistance for family members or others?

### Profile of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors in training

### **SPECIALIST TRAINEES**

On average, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander specialist trainees have been in their training program for



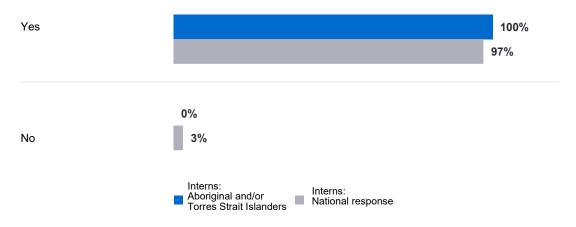
 $Base: \quad Specialist\ trainees\ (National:\ 2023\ n=11,267;\ Aboriginal\ and/or\ Torres\ Strait\ Islanders:\ 2023\ n=113)$ 

Q15. How many years have you been in the College training program?

### **Training curriculum - Interns**

# ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER INTERNS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR INTERN EDUCATION PROGRAM...

100% of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander interns had an intern education program, which was a similar proportion to the national response for interns (97%).



Base: Interns (National: 2023 n = 1,248; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 11)

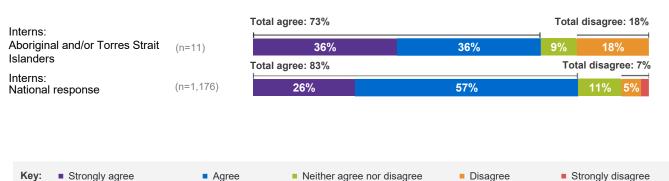
Q12. Organisations that employ interns are required to provide them with a formal education program (such as grand rounds and weekly teaching sessions etc) in addition to work-based teaching and learning. Do you know about your intern education program?

### INTERN EDUCATION PROGRAM

#### My intern education program is helping me to continue to develop as a doctor



### There are opportunities for me to meet the requirements of my intern education program in my current setting

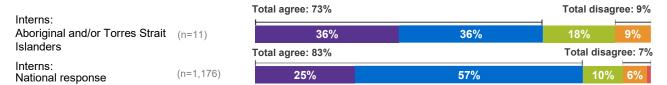


Base: Interns with an intern education program. National response is filtered to interns with an intern education program Q13. Thinking about your intern education program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

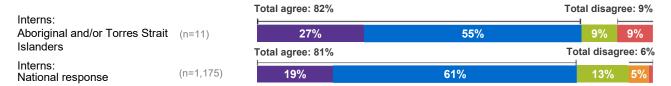
### **Training curriculum - Interns**

### **INTERN EDUCATION PROGRAM (continued)**

### I understand what I need to do to meet my intern education program requirements

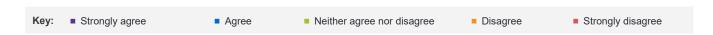


### My intern education program is preparing me for future medical practice



### My intern education program is advancing my knowledge



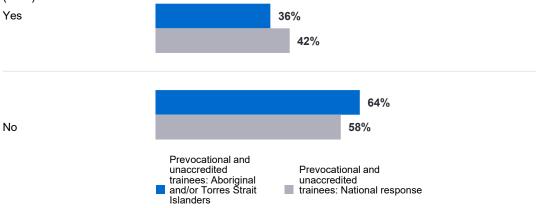


Base: Interns with an intern education program. National response is filtered to interns with an intern education program Q13. Thinking about your intern education program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### Training curriculum - Prevocational and unaccredited trainees

# ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PREVOCATIONAL AND UNACCREDITED TRAINEES WITH A CURRENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR TRAINING PLAN...

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander prevocational and unaccredited trainees (36%) were less likely to have a training/professional development plan compared to the national response for prevocational and unaccredited trainees (42%).



Base: Prevocational and unaccredited trainees (National: 2023 n = 5,560; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 47)

Q12. Do you have a professional development or training plan?

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR TRAINING PLAN

### My plan is helping me to continue to develop as a doctor

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: Aboriginal and/or (n=16)

Torres Strait Islanders

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: National response

Total agree: 81%

Total disagree: 13%

44%

6% 13%

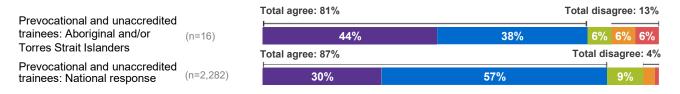
Total disagree: 3%

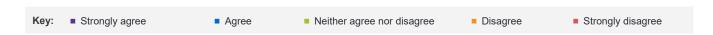
Total agree: 90%

Total disagree: 3%

7%

### There are opportunities for me to meet the requirements of my plan in my current setting





Base: Prevocational and unaccredited trainees with a professional development or training plan. National response is filtered to prevocational and unaccredited trainees with a professional development or training plan.

Q13. Thinking about your professional development or training plan, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

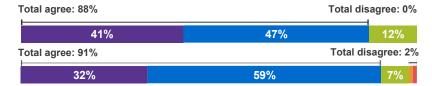
### Training curriculum - Prevocational and unaccredited trainees

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OR TRAINING PLAN (continued)

### I understand what I need to do to meet my plan requirements

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: Aboriginal and/or (n=17) Torres Strait Islanders

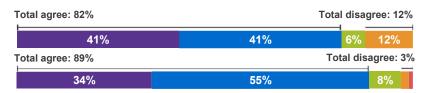
Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: National response (n=2,283)



### My plan is preparing me for future medical practice

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: Aboriginal and/or (n=17) Torres Strait Islanders

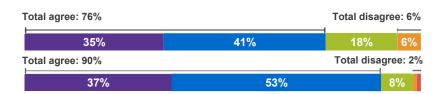
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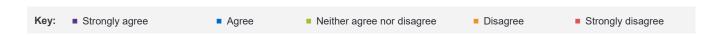


### My plan is advancing my knowledge

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: Aboriginal and/or (n=17) Torres Strait Islanders

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees: National response (n=2,283)

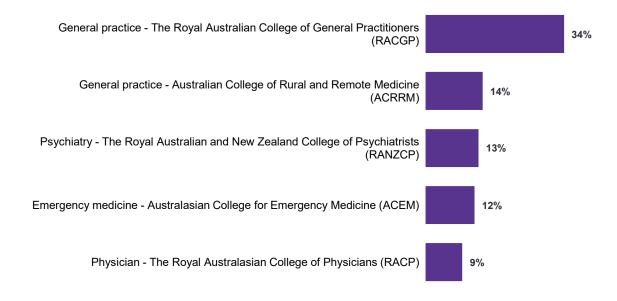




Base: Prevocational and unaccredited trainees with a training/professional development plan. National response is filtered to prevocational and unaccredited trainees with a professional development or training plan.

Q13. Thinking about your professional development or training plan, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM**



Base: Specialist trainees (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 113), fields with 10 or more responses shown.

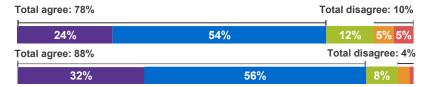
Q14. Which specialist training program(s) are you doing?

#### TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED BY COLLEGE

#### The College training program is relevant to my development

Specialist non-GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=59) Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: National response (n=7,890)

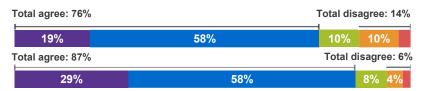


### There are opportunities to meet the requirements of the training program in my current setting

Specialist non-GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=59) Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: National response

(n=7,894)



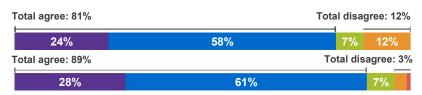
### I understand what I need to do to meet my training program requirements

Specialist non-GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=59) Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees:

National response

(n=7,897)



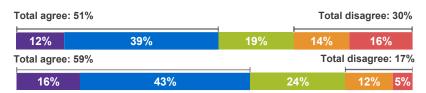
### The College supports flexible training arrangements

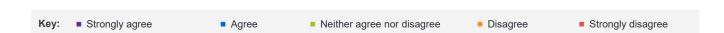
Specialist non-GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=57) Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: National response

(n=7,574)



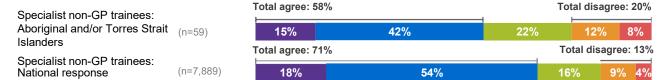


Base: Specialist non-GP trainees

Q21. Thinking about your [COLLEGE] training program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

### **COMMUNICATION WITH COLLEGE**

#### My College clearly communicates the requirements of my training program

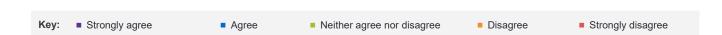


# My College clearly communicates with me about changes to my training program and how they affect me



### I know who to contact at the College about my training program





Base: Specialist non-GP trainees

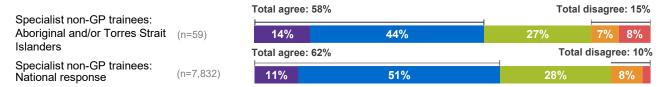
Q22. Thinking about how [COLLEGE] communicates with you about your training program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **ENGAGEMENT WITH COLLEGE**

#### The College seeks my views on the training program



#### I am represented by doctors in training on the College's training and/or education committees



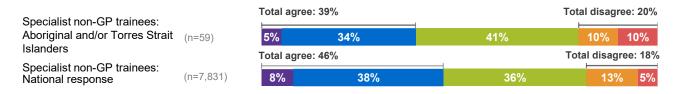
### I am able to discuss the College training program with other doctors

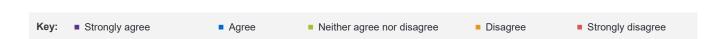


#### The College provides me with access to psychological and/or mental health support services



### There are safe mechanisms for raising training/wellbeing concerns with the College

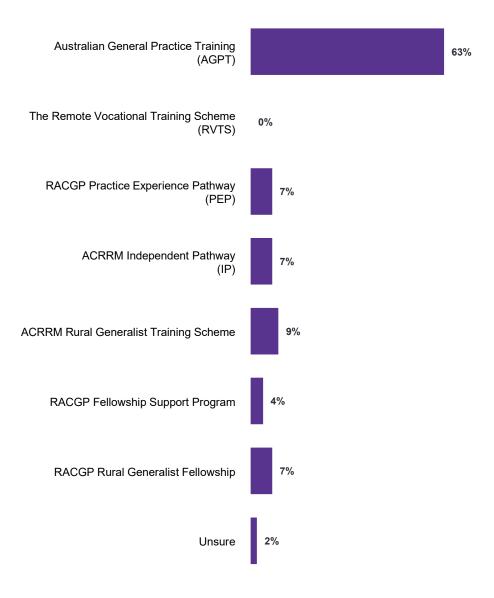




Base: Specialist non-GP trainees

Q25. Thinking about how [COLLEGE] engages with you, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **PATHWAY**



Base: Specialist GP trainees (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 54)

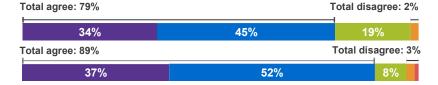
Q16b. Which training program are you in?:

#### TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED BY COLLEGE

#### The College training program is relevant to my development

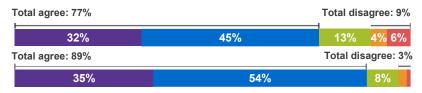
Specialist GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=53) Islanders Specialist GP trainees: (n=3,212)

National response



### There are opportunities to meet the requirements of the training program in my current setting

Specialist GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=53) Islanders Specialist GP trainees: (n=3,217)National response



Total disagree: 4%

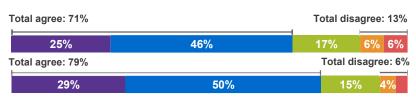
Total disagree: 4%

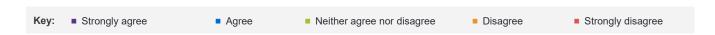
### I understand what I need to do to meet my training program requirements

Total agree: 75% Specialist GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=53) 30% 45% Islanders Total agree: 88% Specialist GP trainees: (n=3,222)55% 33% National response

### The College supports flexible training arrangements

Specialist GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=48) Islanders Specialist GP trainees: (n=3,163)National response



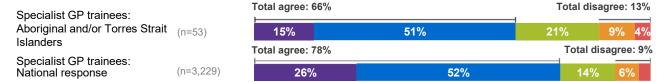


Base: Specialist GP trainees

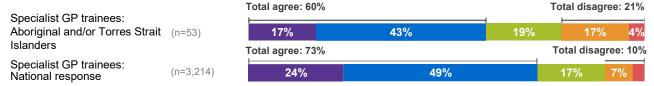
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#### **COMMUNICATION WITH COLLEGE**

#### My College clearly communicates the requirements of my training program

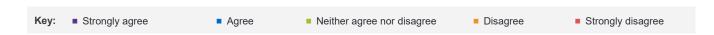


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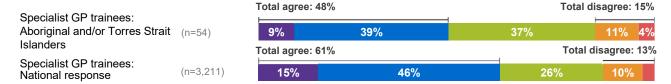


Base: Specialist GP trainees

Q22. Thinking about how [COLLEGE] communicates with you about your training program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **ENGAGEMENT WITH COLLEGE**

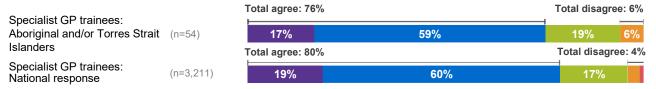
#### The College seeks my views on the training program



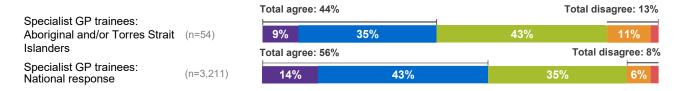
### I am represented by doctors in training on the College's training and/or education committees



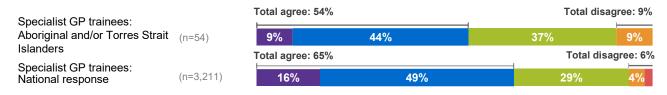
### I am able to discuss the College training program with other doctors

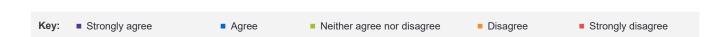


### The College provides me with access to psychological and/or mental health support services



### There are safe mechanisms for raising training/wellbeing concerns with the College





Base: Specialist GP trainees

Q25. Thinking about how [COLLEGE] engages with you, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Training curriculum - Specialist GP trainees**

#### TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDED BY RVTS

Specialist GP trainees can be both enrolled in a RVTS as well as their specialist college (such as Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and/or Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)).

### The RVTS education program meets the College/s requirements



### The RVTS education program is preparing me as a specialist



### The RVTS education program is advancing my knowledge



Key:

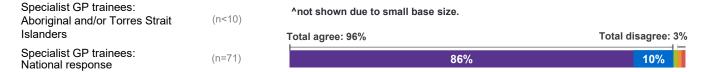
Base: Specialist GP trainees taking part in the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)

Q18b. Thinking about the RVTS training program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

### **Training curriculum - Specialist GP trainees**

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH RVTS**

### The RVTS clearly communicates the requirements of my training program



### The RVTS clearly communicates with me about changes to my training program and how they affect me



### I know who to contact at RVTS about my education program



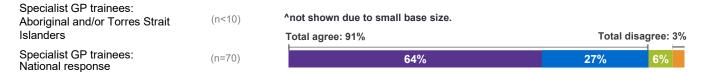


Base: Specialist GP trainees taking part in the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)

Q19b. Thinking about how the RVTS communicates with you about your training program, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **ENGAGEMENT WITH RVTS**

### The RVTS seeks my views on the structure and content of the education program



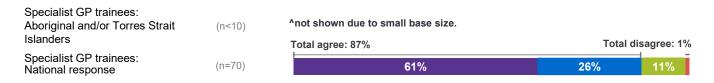
# I am represented (by doctors in training e.g. registrar liaison officer) on RVTS training and/or education committees

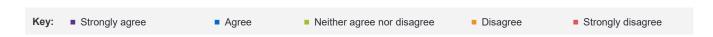


### I am able to discuss the RVTS education program with other doctors



### The RVTS provides me with access to psychological and/or mental health support services





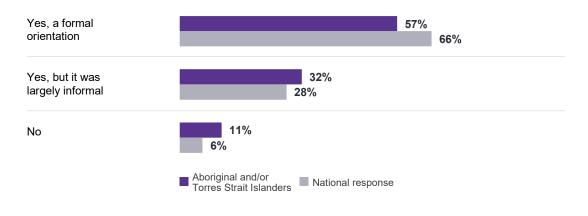
Base: Specialist GP trainees taking part in the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS)

Q20b. Thinking about how RVTS engages with you, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Orientation**

#### DID YOU RECEIVE AN ORIENTATION TO YOUR SETTING?

Doctors in training were asked questions about their experiences in their workplace. This could be the doctor in training's current setting, workplace, placement or rotation, or might be a previous setting, if they had only been practising or training in their current setting for less than two weeks.



Base: Total sample (National: 2023 n = 20,804; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 176) Q27a. Did you receive an orientation to your setting?

### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR ORIENTATION?



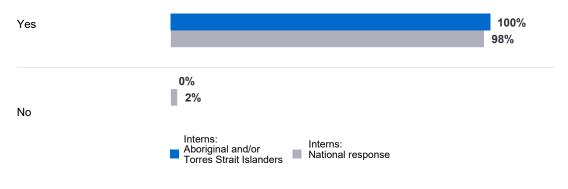


Base: Received an orientation

Q27b. How would you rate the quality of your orientation?

### **Assessment - Interns**

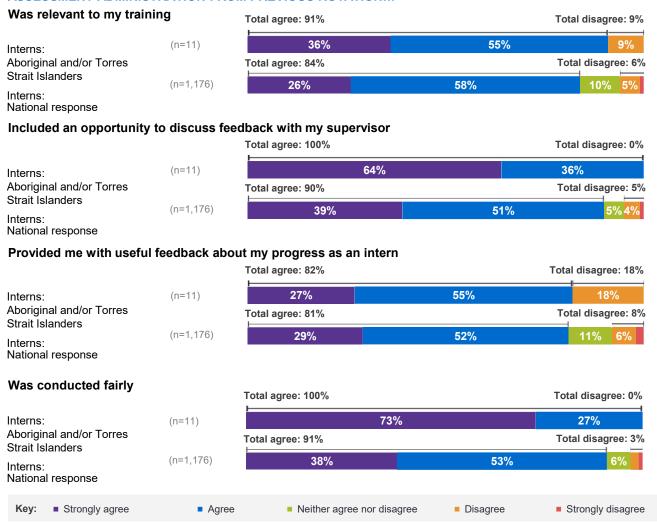
#### IN THE LAST TERM THAT YOU COMPLETED, DID YOU RECEIVE AN END OF TERM ASSESSMENT?



Base: Interns (National: 2023 n = 1,213; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 11)

Q26a. Did you receive an assessment for your previous rotation?

### ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION FROM PREVIOUS ROTATION...

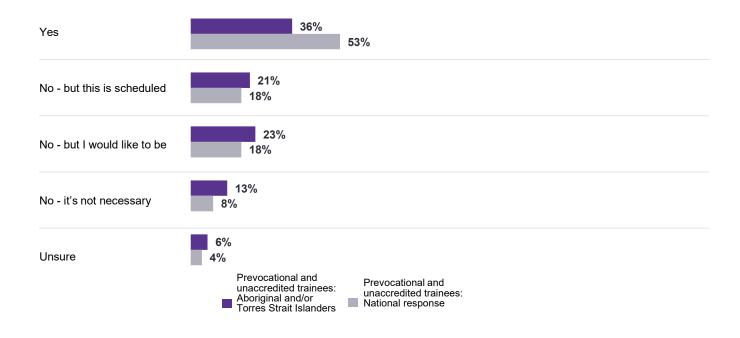


Base: Had an assessment

Q26b. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The assessment from my previous rotation...

### **Assessment - Prevocational and unaccredited trainees**

#### HAS YOUR PERFORMANCE BEEN ASSESSED IN YOUR SETTING?

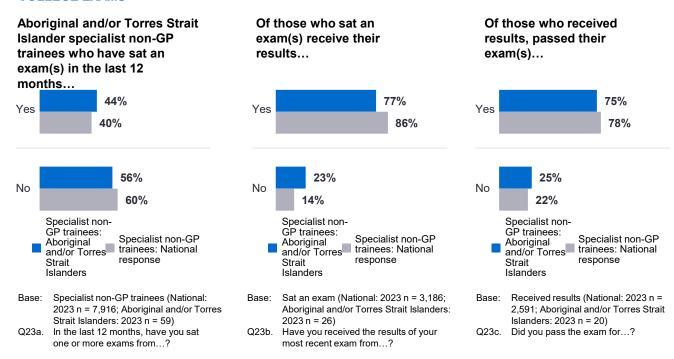


Base: Prevocational and unaccredited trainees (National: 2023 n = 5,235; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 47)

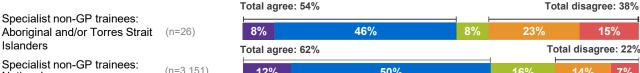
Q32. Has your performance been assessed in your setting?

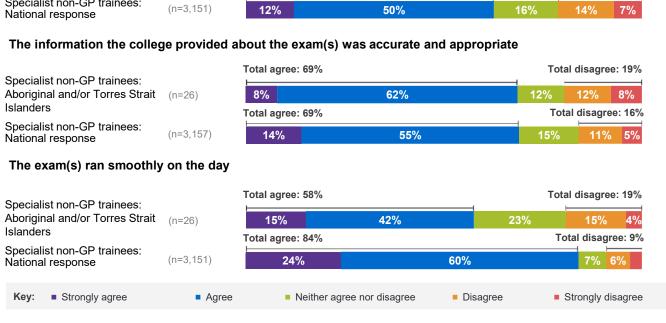
### **Assessment - Specialist non-GP trainees**

#### **COLLEGE EXAMS**



#### The exam(s) reflected the college training curriculum





Base: Specialist non-GP trainees who sat an exam

Q24. Thinking about all your [COLLEGE] exam(s) not just the most recent, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### Assessment - Specialist non-GP trainees

### **COLLEGE EXAMS (continued)**

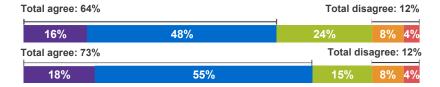
#### The exam(s) were conducted fairly

Specialist non-GP trainees: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=25)

Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: National response

(n=3,151)



### I received useful feedback about my performance in the exam(s)

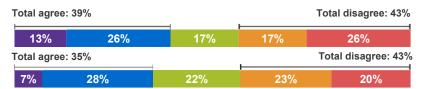
Specialist non-GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=23)

Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees:

(n=2,845)National response



### The feedback is timely

Specialist non-GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=24)

Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: (n=2,796)National response

Total agree:	38%	_	l otal disagree: 50		
13%	25%	13%	8%	42%	
Total agree:	42%			Total d	lisagree: 35%
8%	34%	22%		20%	15%

#### I received support from my College when needed

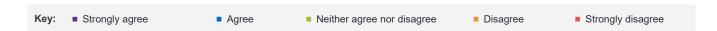
Specialist non-GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=22)

Islanders

Specialist non-GP trainees: (n=2,614)National response

Total agree: 27% Total disagree: 36% 23% Total agree: 40% Total disagree: 23% 8% 32% 36% 13% 10%

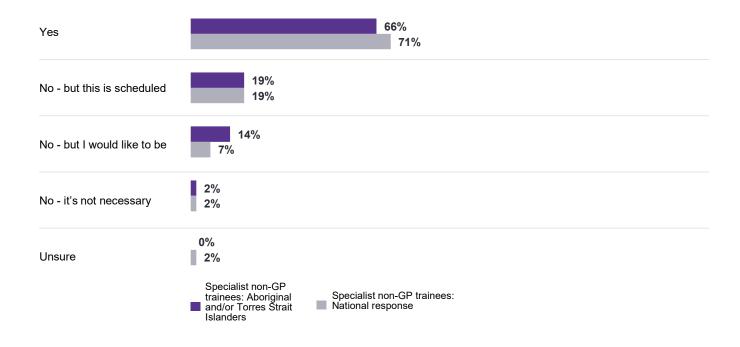


Specialist non-GP trainees who sat an exam Base:

Q24. Thinking about all your [COLLEGE] exam(s) not just the most recent, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Assessment - Specialist non-GP trainees**

### HAS YOUR PERFORMANCE BEEN ASSESSED IN YOUR SETTING?

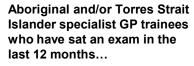


Base: Specialist non-GP trainees (National: 2023 n = 7,632; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 59)

Q32. Has your performance been assessed in your setting?

### Assessment - Specialist GP trainees

#### **COLLEGE EXAMS**







Base: Specialist GP trainees (National: 2023 n = 3,237; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 54)

Q23a. In the last 12 months, have you sat one or more exams from ...?

### Of those who sat an exam(s) receive their results...





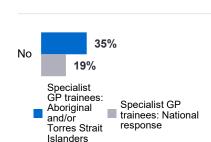
Base: Sat an exam (National: 2023 n = 1,265; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 24

Q23b. Have you received the results of your most recent exam from ...?

Of those who received results, passed their exams...

65%

81%



Base: Received results (National: 2023 n = 980; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders:

2023 n = 23

Yes

Q23c. Did you pass the exam for ...?

### The exam(s) reflected the college training curriculum

(n=1,248)

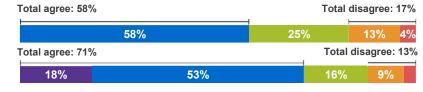
Specialist GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=24)

Islanders

Specialist GP trainees:

National response



### The information the college provided about the exam(s) was accurate and appropriate

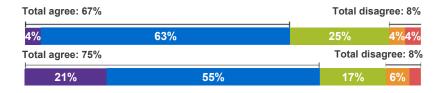
Specialist GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=24)

Islanders

Specialist GP trainees: (n=1,253)

National response



### The exam(s) ran smoothly on the day

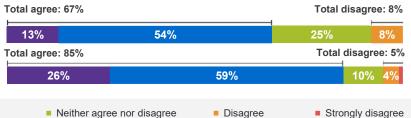
Specialist GP trainees:

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait (n=24)

Islanders

Specialist GP trainees: (n=1,255)National response





Key: Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree

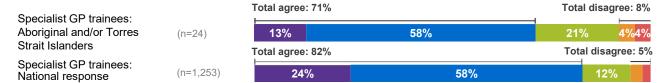
Specialist GP trainees who sat an exam Base:

Q24. Thinking about all your [COLLEGE] exam(s) not just the most recent, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

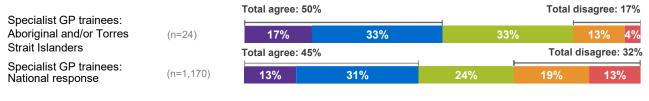
### Assessment - Specialist GP trainees

### **COLLEGE EXAMS (continued)**

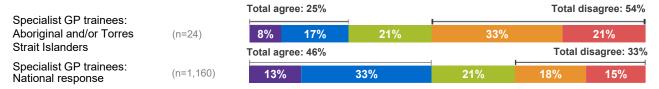
#### The exam(s) were conducted fairly



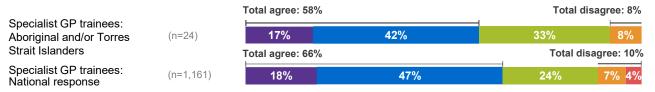
### I received useful feedback about my performance in the exam(s)

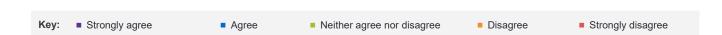


### The feedback is timely



#### I received support from my College when needed



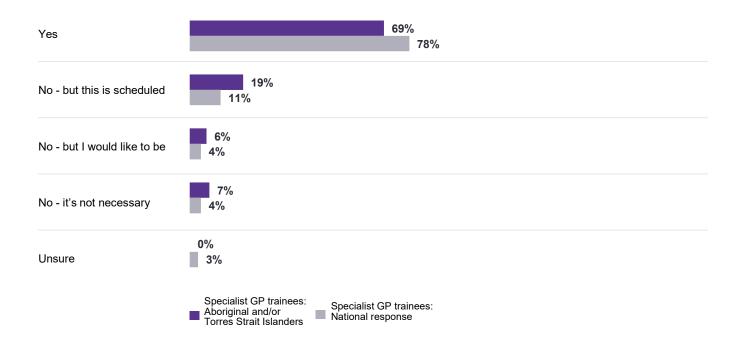


Base: Specialist GP trainees who sat an exam

Q24. Thinking about all your [COLLEGE] exam(s) not just the most recent, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Assessment - Specialist GP trainees**

#### HAS YOUR PERFORMANCE BEEN ASSESSED IN YOUR SETTING?

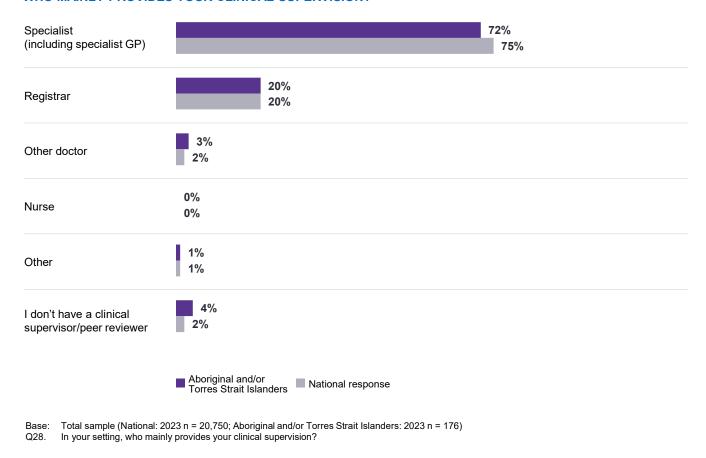


Base: Specialist GP trainees (National: 2023 n = 3,143; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 54)

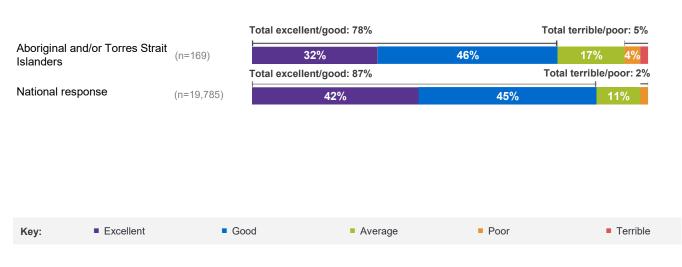
Q32. Has your performance been assessed in your setting?

### **Clinical supervision**

### WHO MAINLY PROVIDES YOUR CLINICAL SUPERVISION?



### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR SUPERVISION?



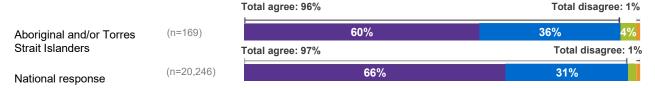
Base: Received supervision

Q31. For your setting, how would you rate the quality of your clinical supervision?

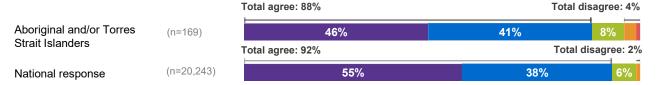
### **Clinical supervision**

### IF CLINICAL SUPERVISOR(S) ARE NOT AVAILABLE...

### I am able to contact other senior medical staff IN HOURS if I am concerned about a patient



### I am able to contact other senior medical staff AFTER HOURS if I am concerned about a patient





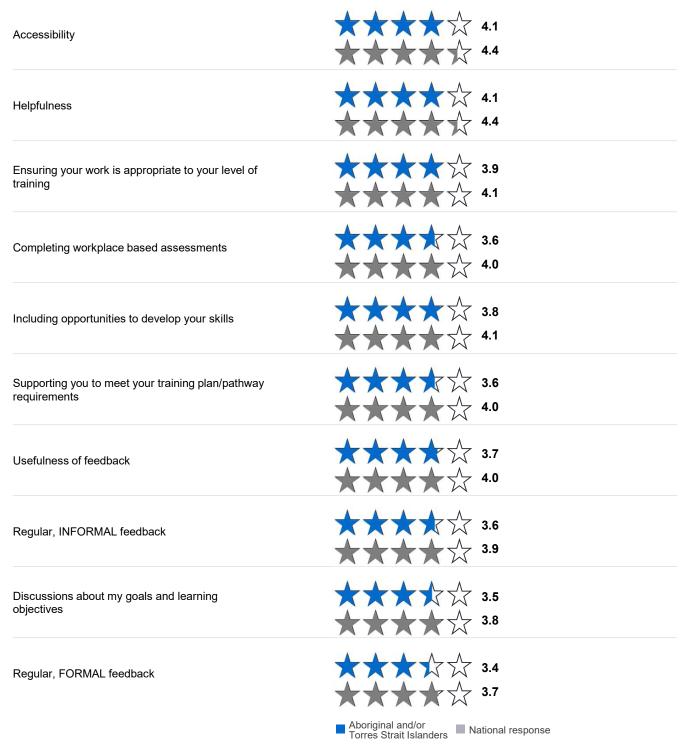
Base: Total sample

Q29. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Clinical supervision**

#### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR OVERALL CLINICAL SUPERVISION FOR:

Average out of 5 (1=very poor - 5=very good)

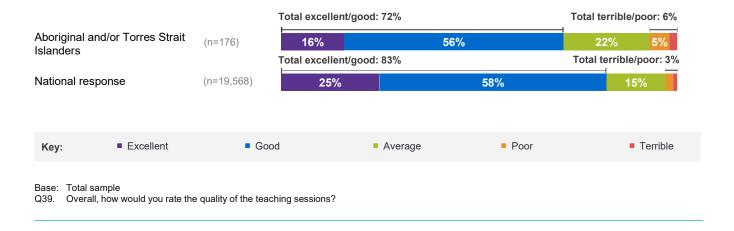


Base: Have a supervisor (National: 2023 max n = 19,613; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 max n = 167)

Q30. In your setting, how would you rate the quality of your overall clinical supervision for...?

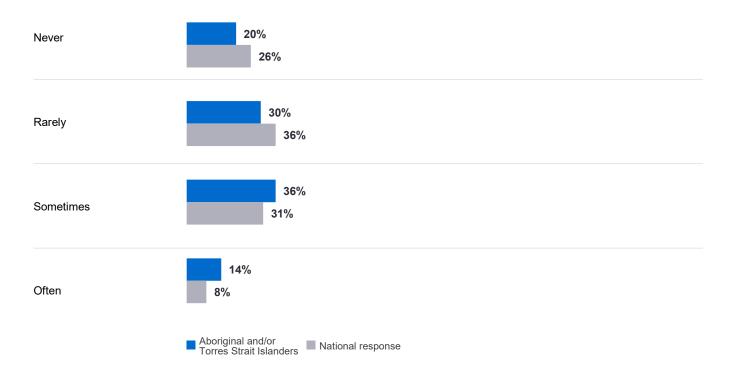
### Access to teaching

#### OVERALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF THE TEACHING SESSIONS?



### TRAINING AND OTHER JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

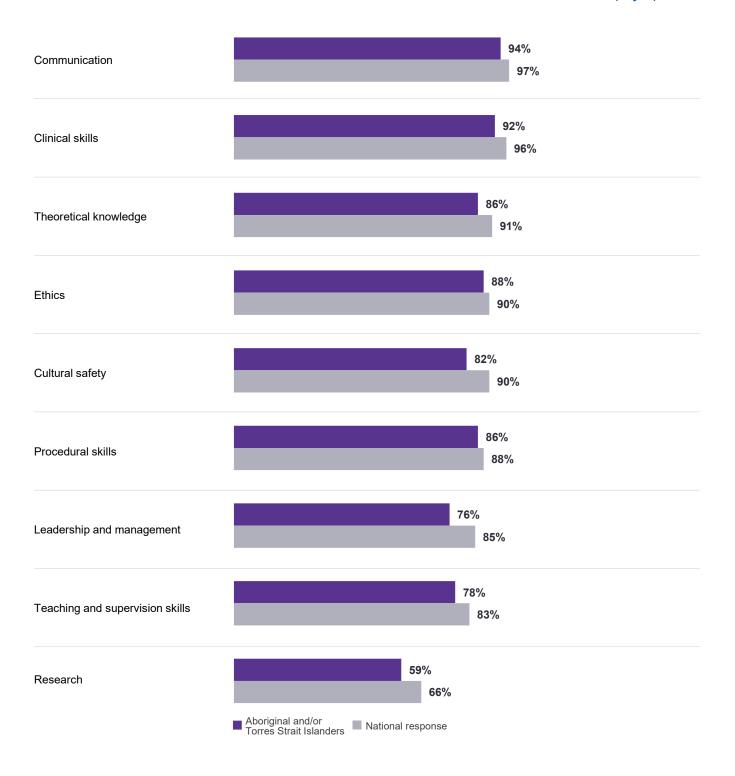
How regularly job responsibilities are preventing doctors in training from meeting training requirements



Base: Total sample (National: 2023 n = 19,817; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 176)

Q36. Which of the following statements best describes the interaction between your training requirements and the responsibilities of your job? My job responsibilities...

## DO YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN: (% yes)



Base: Total sample (National: 2023 max n = 19,825 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 max n = 171)

Q35. Thinking about the development of your knowledge and skills, in your setting, do you have sufficient opportunities to develop your...?

Profile | Training curriculum ~ Intern ~ Prevoc. and unaccredited ~ Specialist non-GP ~ Specialist GP ~ IMG
Orientation | Assessment ~ Intern ~ Prevoc. and unaccredited ~ Specialist non-GP ~ Specialist GP ~ IMG
Clinical supervision | Access to teaching | Facilities | Workplace environment and culture | Patient safety
Overall satisfaction | Future career intentions

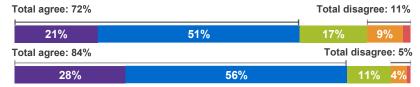
## Access to teaching

National response

## **DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL AND PRACTICAL SKILLS**

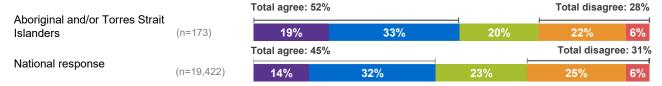
## I can access the training opportunities available to me





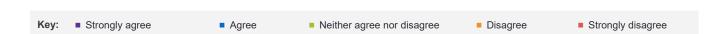
## I have to compete with other doctors for access to opportunities

(n=19,791)



## I have to compete with other health professionals for access to opportunities





Base: Total sample

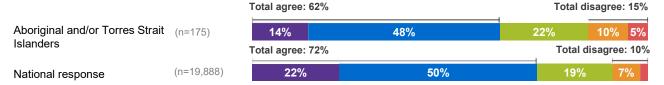
Q33. Thinking about the development of your skills, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### **ACCESS TO TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

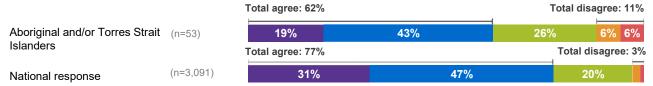
#### I have access to protected study time/leave



## I am able to attend conferences, courses and/or external education events



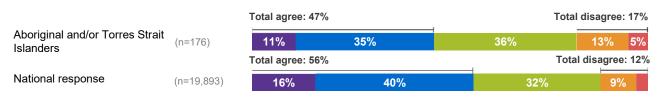
## My GP supervisor supports me to attend formal and informal teaching sessions^

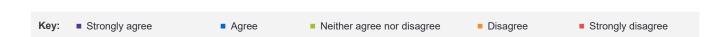


## My employer supports me to attend formal and informal teaching sessions



## I am able participate in research activities





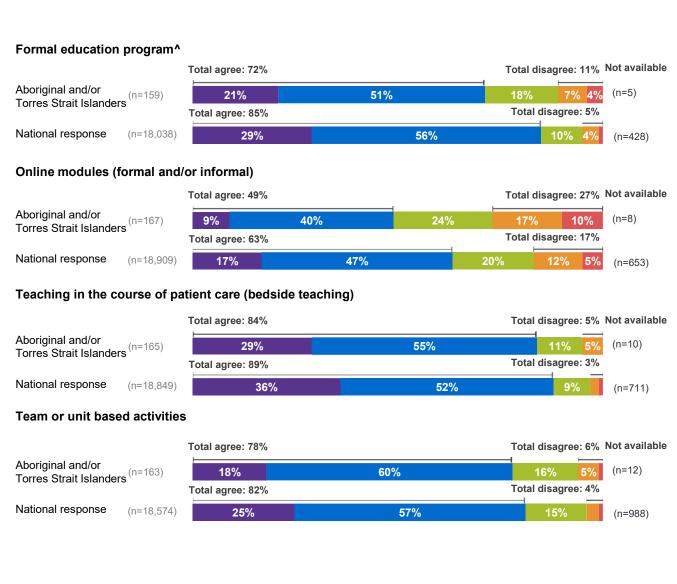
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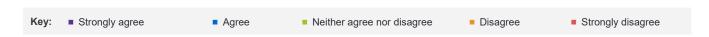
^Note: These questions were only asked of Specialist GP trainees, as such, data is filtered to Specialist GP trainees

Q34. Thinking about access to teaching and research in your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

#### THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT AS A DOCTOR

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander trainees were asked their level of agreement on whether an educational activity had been useful in their development as a doctor. Of the educational activities available, teaching in the course of patient care (bedside teaching) (84%), team or unit based activities (78%) and simulation teaching (74%) were rated the most useful.





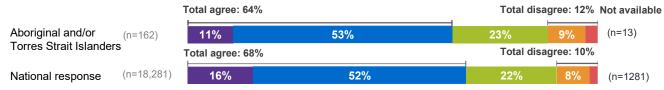
Base: Total sample excluding not available (shown separately)

^Note: This question was not shown to Interns

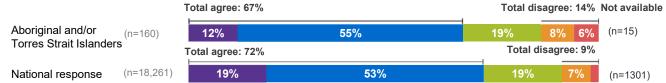
Q38. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following educational activities have been useful in your development as a doctor?

# THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN USEFUL IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT AS A DOCTOR (continued)

## Medical/surgical and/or hospital-wide meetings



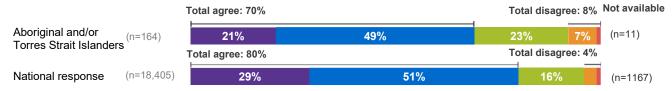
### Multidisciplinary meetings

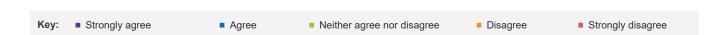


### Simulation teaching



## Access to mentoring



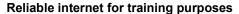


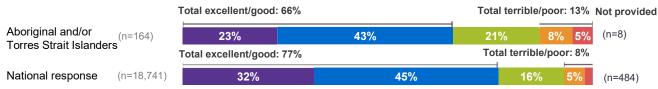
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Q38. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the following educational activities have been useful in your development as a doctor?

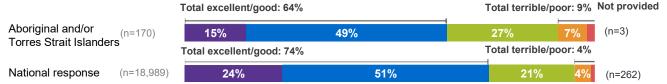
## **Facilities**

#### HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SETTING?

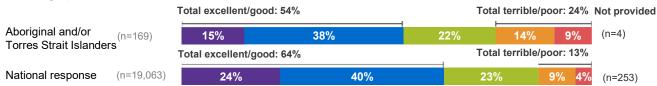




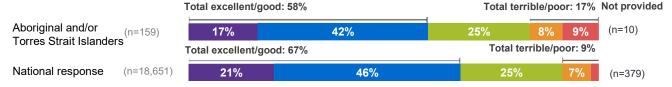
#### **Educational resources**



## Working space, such as a desk and computer



## **Teaching spaces**





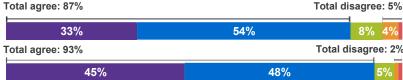
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Q40. How would you rate the quality of the following in your setting?

#### **CULTURE WITHIN THE TRAINEE'S SETTING**

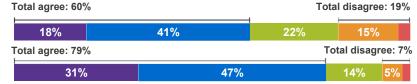




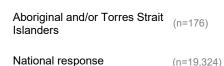


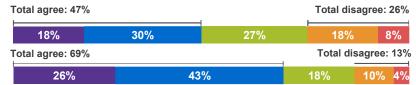
## My workplace supports staff wellbeing





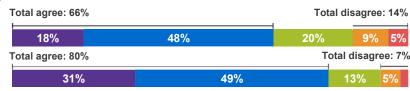






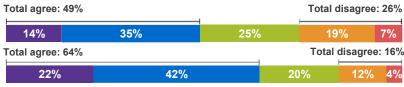
## There is a positive culture at my workplace



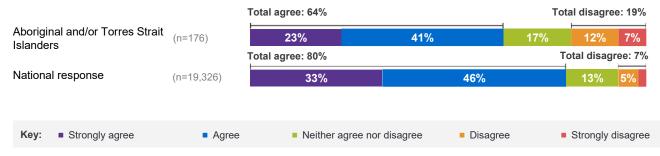


## I have a good work/life balance





### Bullying, harassment and discrimination by anyone is not tolerated at my workplace

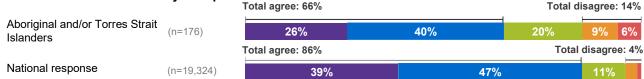


Base: Total sample

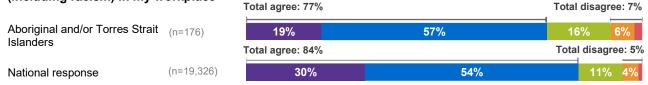
Q41. Thinking about the workplace environment and culture in your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **CULTURE WITHIN THE TRAINEE'S SETTING (continued)**





# I know how to raise concerns/issues about bullying, harassment and discrimination (including racism) in my workplace

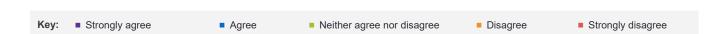


# I am confident that I would raise concerns/issues about bullying, harassment and discrimination (including racism) in my workplace



### I could access support from my workplace if I experienced stress or a traumatic event

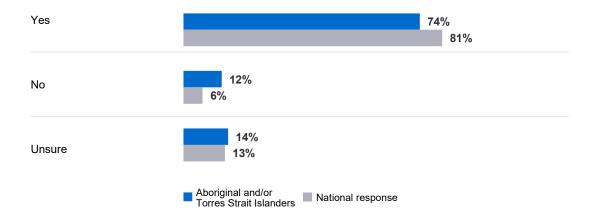




Base: Total sample

Q41. Thinking about the workplace environment and culture in your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

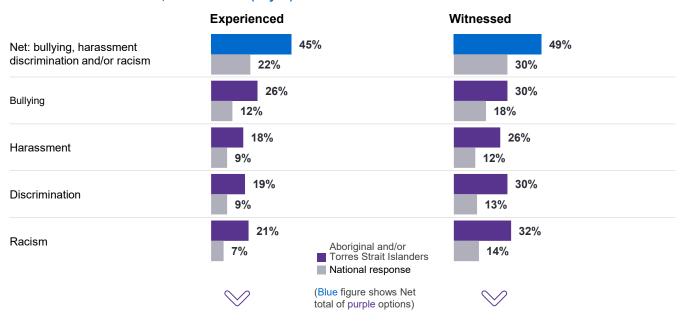
# IF YOU NEEDED SUPPORT, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT FOR YOUR HEALTH (INCLUDING FOR STRESS AND OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS)?



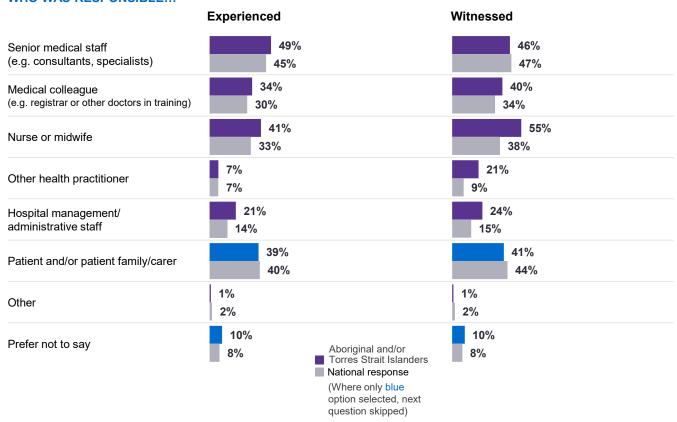
Base: Total sample (National: 2023 n = 19,077; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 176)

Q43. If you needed support, do you know how to access support for your health (including for stress and other psychological distress)?

### IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HAVE YOU... (% yes)



### WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE...



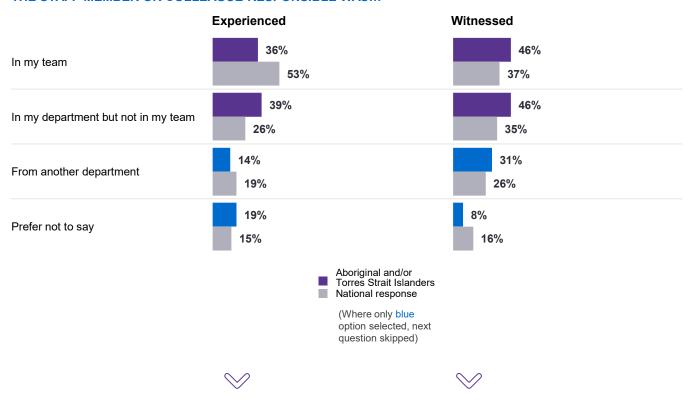
Base: Total sample - Experienced (National: 2023 n = 17,275; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 159) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 17,929; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 168)

Q42a. Thinking about your workplace, have you experienced and/or witnessed any of the following in the past 12 months?

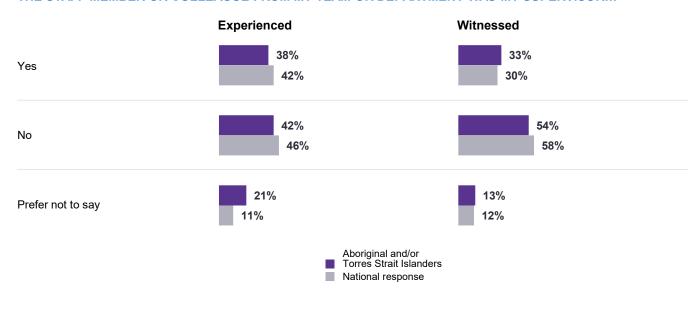
Base: Experienced/witnessed bullying, harassment discrimination and/or racism - Experienced (National: 2023 n = 3,757; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 70) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 5,366; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 82)

Q42b. Who was responsible for the bullying, harassment, discrimination and/or racism that you experienced/witnessed...

#### THE STAFF MEMBER OR COLLEAGUE RESPONSIBLE WAS...



#### THE STAFF MEMBER OR COLLEAGUE FROM MY TEAM OR DEPARTMENT WAS MY SUPERVISOR...



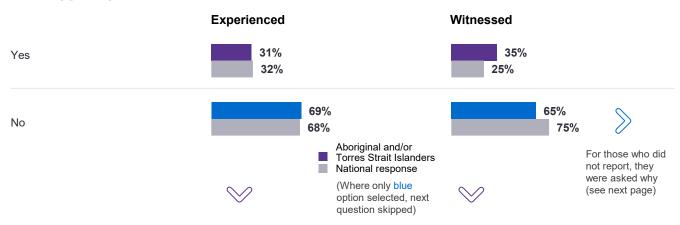
Base: Experienced bullying, harassment, discrimination and/or racism from someone who was not a patient (National: 2023 n = 1,956 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 36) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 2,571; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 39)

Q42c. The person(s) responsible was...

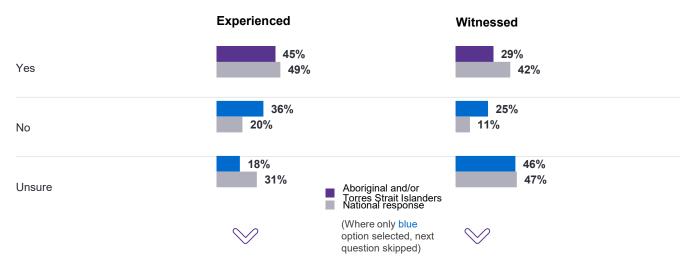
Base: Experienced bullying, harassment discrimination and/or racism from someone in their team or department (rebased to who was not a patient)
(National: 2023 n = 1,294; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 24) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 1,469; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 24)

Q42d. Was the person(s) one of your supervisors?...

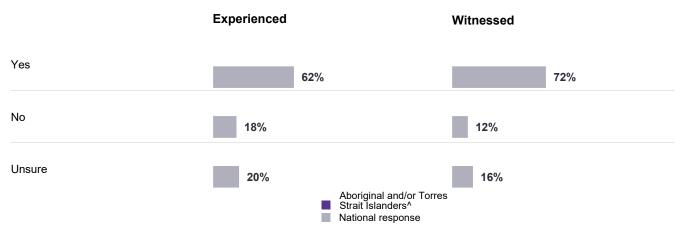
#### HAVE YOU REPORTED IT...



### HAS THE REPORT BEEN FOLLOWED UP...



# ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH HOW THIS REPORT WAS FOLLOWED UP...



<sup>^</sup> not shown due to insufficient sample size.

Base: Experienced bullying, harassment discrimination and/or racism (National: 2023 n = 3,737; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 71) -

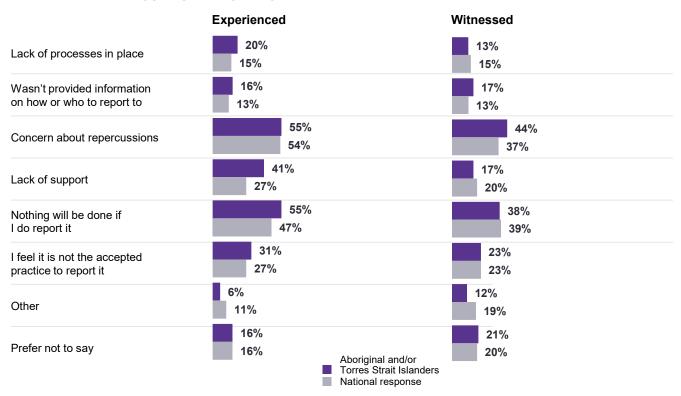
Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 5,320; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 80) | Q42e. Have you reported it?

Base: Reported bullying, harassment, discrimination and/or racism (National: 2023 n = 1,174; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 22) -

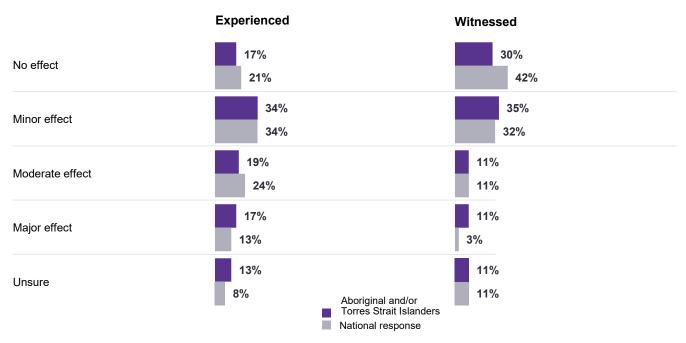
Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 1,338; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 28) | Q42f. Has the report been followed up?

Reported bullying, harassment, discrimination and/or racism who reported the incident and followed it up (National: 2023 n = 565; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = <10) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 553; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = <10) | Q42g.Are you satisfied with how the report was followed up?

#### WHAT PREVENTED YOU FROM REPORTING...



#### HAS THIS INCIDENT ADVERSELY AFFECTED YOUR MEDICAL TRAINING...



Base: Experienced bullying, harassment discrimination and/or racism and did not report it. (National: 2023 n = 2,539; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait

Islanders: 2023 n = 49) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 3,908; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 52)

Q42i. What prevented you from reporting?

Base: Experienced bullying, harassment discrimination and/or racism (National: 2023 n = 3,734; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 70) - Witnessed (National: 2023 n = 5,291; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 79)

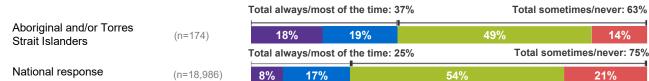
Q42h. How has the incident adversely affected your medical training?

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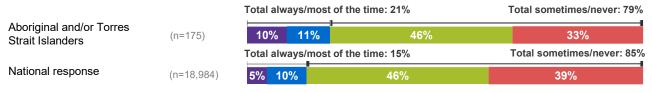
# Workplace environment and culture

#### HOW OFTEN DO THE FOLLOWING ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR WELLBEING IN YOUR SETTING?

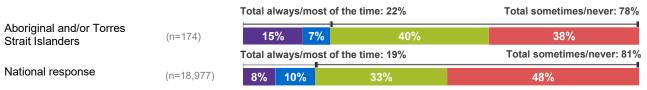
#### The amount of work I am expected to do



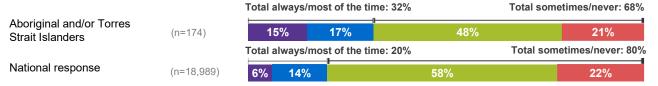
## Having to work paid overtime



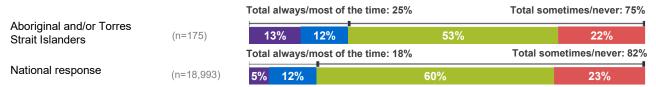
## Having to work unpaid overtime



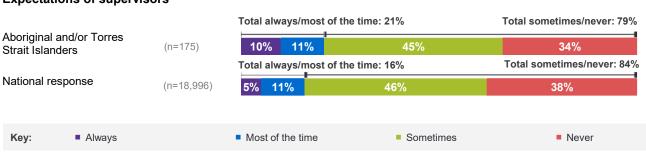
## **Dealing with patient expectations**



## Dealing with patients' families

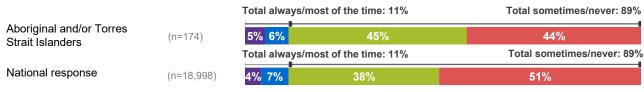


## **Expectations of supervisors**

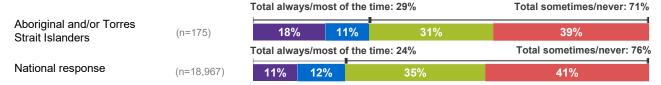


## HOW OFTEN DO THE FOLLOWING ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR WELLBEING IN YOUR SETTING? (continued)

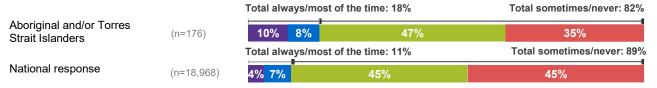
## Supervisor feedback



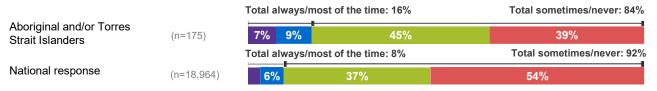
## Having to relocate for work



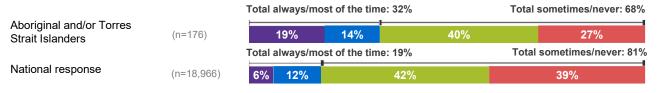
## Being expected to do work that I don't feel confident doing



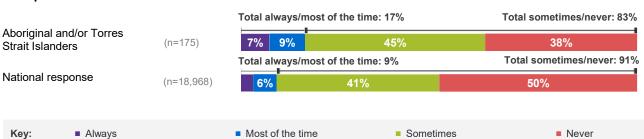
#### Limited access to senior clinicians



## Lack of appreciation



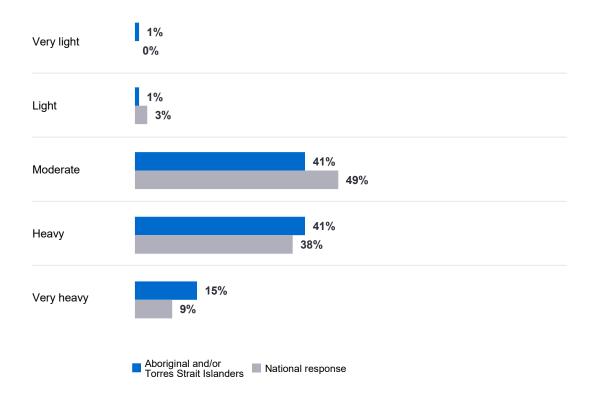
#### Workplace conflict



Base: Total sample

Q44. How often do the following adversely affect your wellbeing in your setting?

#### HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR WORKLOAD IN YOUR SETTING?



Base: Total sample (National: 2023 n = 18,965; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 176)

Q45. How would you rate your workload in your setting?

#### ON AVERAGE IN THE PAST MONTH, HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK HAVE YOU WORKED?

On average, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander specialist trainees worked 47.6 hours a week, compared to 45.6 hours a week for the national average. For Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander specialist trainees, 71% were working 40 hours a week or more, compared to the national response of 64%.

On average, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander On average, doctors in training nationally worked...

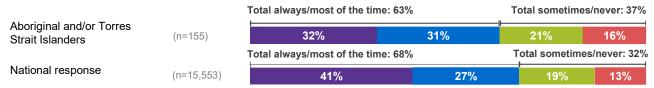


Base: Total sample (National: 2023 n = 18,920; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 176). Sample includes respondents who are employed full-time, part-time and casually.

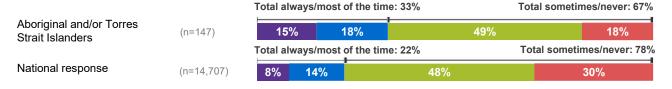
Q46. On average in the past month, how many hours per week have you worked?

### FOR ANY UNROSTERED OVERTIME YOU HAVE COMPLETED IN THE PAST, HOW OFTEN DID:

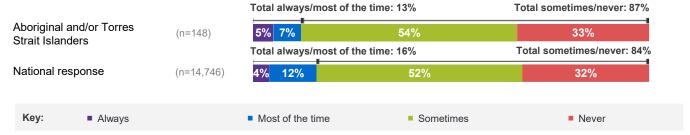
#### You get paid for the unrostered overtime



## Working unrostered overtime have a negative impact on your training



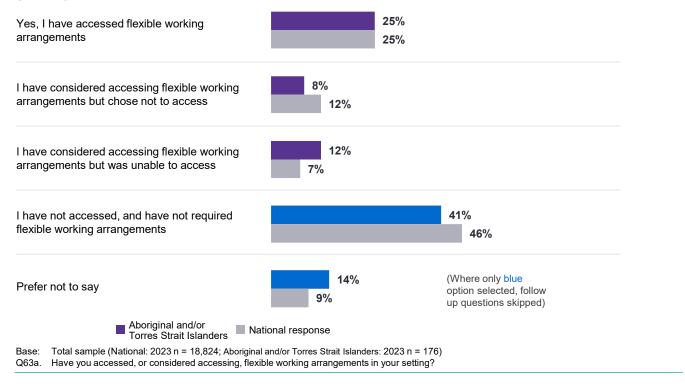
#### Working unrostered overtime provide you with more training opportunities



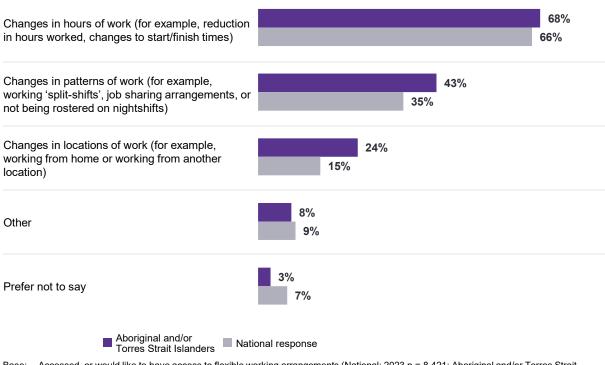
Base: Total sample

Q47. For any unrostered overtime you have completed in the past, how often did...?

# HAVE YOU ACCESSED, OR CONSIDERED ACCESSING, FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR SETTING?



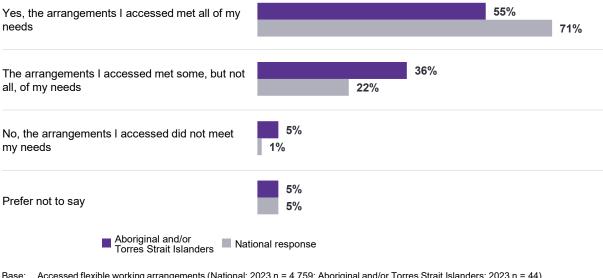
# WHAT SORT OF FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS DID YOU ACCESS/WOULD YOU HAVE LIKED TO ACCESS:



Base: Accessed, or would like to have access to flexible working arrangements (National: 2023 n = 8,421; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 79)

Q64. What sort of flexible working arrangements did you access / What sort of flexible working arrangements would you have liked to access?

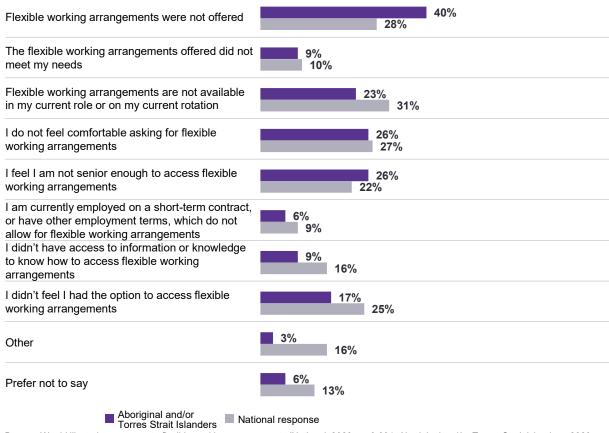
#### DID THE FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS YOU ACCESSED IN YOUR SETTING MEET YOUR NEEDS



Accessed flexible working arrangements (National: 2023 n = 4,759; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 44)

Did the flexible working arrangements you accessed in your setting meet your needs?

## WHY HAVE YOU CHOSEN NOT TO ACCESS, OR BEEN UNABLE TO ACCESS, FLEXIBLE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR SETTING?



Would like to have access to flexible working arrangements (National: 2023 n = 3,631; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = Base:

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063cWhy have you chosen not to access, or been unable to access, flexible working arrangements in your setting? Profile | Training curriculum ~ Intern ~ Prevoc. and unaccredited ~ Specialist non-GP ~ Specialist GP ~ IMG
Orientation | Assessment ~ Intern ~ Prevoc. and unaccredited ~ Specialist non-GP ~ Specialist GP ~ IMG
Clinical supervision | Access to teaching | Facilities | Workplace environment and culture | Patient safety
Overall satisfaction | Future career intentions

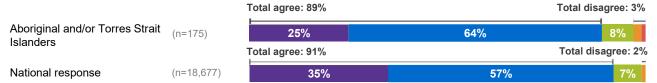
# **Patient safety**

# HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR TRAINING ON HOW TO RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY?



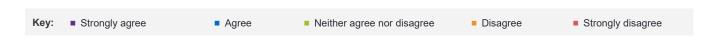
## PATIENT CARE AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

### I know how to report concerns about patient care and safety



## There is a culture of proactively dealing with concerns about patient care and safety





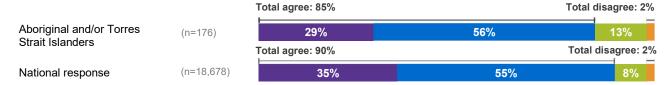
Base: Total sample

Q49. Thinking about patient care and safety in your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

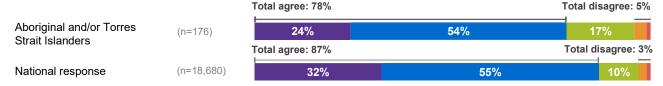
# **Patient safety**

### PATIENT CARE AND SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE (cont.)

### I am confident to raise concerns about patient care and safety

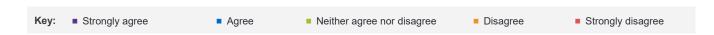


# There are processes in place at my workplace to support the safe handover of patients between shifts / practitioners



# I have received training on how to provide culturally safe care





Base: Total sample

Q49. Thinking about patient care and safety in your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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# **Overall satisfaction**

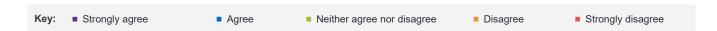
#### **RECOMMEND TRAINING**

## I would recommend my current training position to other doctors



### I would recommend my current workplace as a place to train





Base: Total sample

Q50. Thinking about your setting, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

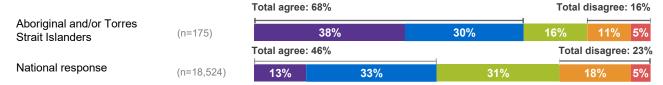
# **Future career intentions**

#### **CAREER INTERESTS**





## I am interested in rural practice



## I am interested in getting involved in medical research

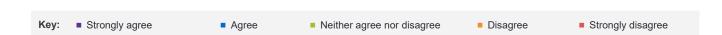


## I am interested in getting involved in medical teaching



## I am considering a future outside of medicine





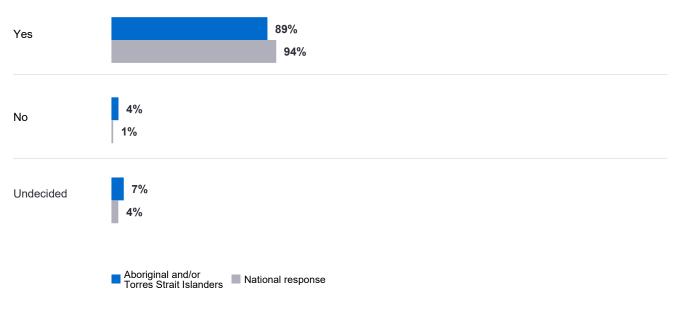
Base: Total sample

Q54. Thinking about your future career, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### **Future career intentions**

#### CONTINUATION OF SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAM

Overall, 89% of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander trainees intended to continue with their specialty.



Base: Specialist trainees (National: 2023 n = 10,057; Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders: 2023 n = 113)

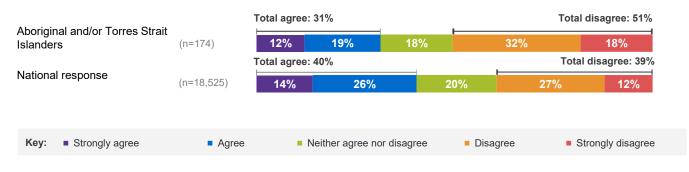
Q51a. Do you intend to continue in your specialty training program?

## TRAINING PROGRAM COMPLETION

I am concerned I will not successfully complete my training program to attain Fellowship / meet my pathway requirements / securing a place in my preferred College training program



## I am concerned about whether I will be able to secure employment on completion of training



Base: Total sample

Q54. Thinking about your future career, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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