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This brief Enews provides links to two current surveys as well as economic information that is important for members.

Surveys

Issues Affecting Australian Anaesthetists – Have Your Say!

In the December ASA Enews members were invited to complete a survey on the specialty. This survey is part of an anaesthetic trainee's formal project. The aim of the study, a repeat of a study conducted 15 years ago focusing on issues affecting the personal and professional lives of Australian anaesthetists is to examine trends over the last 15 years and to gain more information on the profession. The results will also be utilized by the ASA and other professional representative bodies to shape future policies affecting Australian anaesthetists.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and anonymous, but we need a good response rate to have valid data. It will take less than five minutes to complete. I hope you are able to assist the Society to better understand the changing medico-social environment. If you have responded already, thank you. Otherwise please click [here](#).

Help the ASA Help You!

The December Enews also asked for feedback on the performance of the Society from your perspective. This information helps the ASA Council and the staff in the Headquarters better appreciate your requirements and to improve our services to you. Again this is an anonymous and short survey. I encourage you to spend five minutes providing feedback. You can access the survey [here](#).

Economics Update

I, along with Andrew Mulcahy (past Chair of the EAC) and Mark Sinclair (new Chair of the EAC) and Peter Lawrence, met with the Medical Benefits Review Taskforce (Federal DoHA) regarding a new "Quality Framework" for the MBS in December. I have also written to the AMA regarding the intentions of the MBS review. These letters and a summary of the implications for you by Mark Sinclair can be found [here](#).

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President

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