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Wave 3 of MABEL Survey 'goes live' in June 2010

The third wave of the MABEL (Medicine in Australia: Balancing Employment and Life) survey will 'go live' in June. MABEL is a major national, longitudinal survey of doctors that aims to make a difference. Funded by the NHMRC and conducted by the University of Melbourne and Monash University, the first and second waves of MABEL were conducted in 2008 and 2009.

MABEL has been endorsed by the 38 major medical specialist colleges, societies and training providers. The research team continues to meet regularly with the MABEL Policy Reference Group, which is providing advice about medical workforce issues that are informing the collection and analysis of data to ensure MABEL is not just an academic exercise, but rather makes a real difference to doctors' working lives.

In Wave 1 (2008) of the MABEL survey 10,498 doctors participated. Publications and newsletters outlining preliminary results from Wave 1 are available for download from the MABEL website, as is a listing of journal submissions, conferences and presentations relating to MABEL; this list will grow exponentially in the coming years as further waves of MABEL data become available. Wave 2 (2009) data are currently being processed and cleaned to be ready for analysis by the spring.

The MABEL research team would like to thank all those doctors who participated in Waves 1 and 2 of MABEL in 2008 and 2009, and wishes to encourage them, and newly admitted doctors who will be contacted for the first time in 2010, to participate in this important national survey.

For further information about MABEL please go to: <u>www.mabel.org.au</u> or email <u>enquiries@mabel.org.au</u> or call: 03 8344 2600.

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