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- Medical Advisers – Compensation (including seniors) = 57.61 FTE
- Medical Advisers – Health (including seniors) = 13.4 FTE

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- Unknown – suggest this question is not relevant and can be perceived as discriminatory

3. How many of them is English their second language

- Unknown – suggest this question is not relevant and can be perceived as discriminatory.
- To get registration in Australia every applicant must meet the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra), English language skills standard. This includes Australian-trained or overseas qualified applicants.

4. How many of them have less than 5 years of clinical experience.

- medical advisers are required to have at least 5 years current clinical experience

5. How many did their studies in Australia

- Unknown – all medical advisers are required to hold current registration as a Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) without any conditions or restrictions on their registration.



6. How many are full time employed, part time or casual.

- The vast majority of the medical adviser workforce work a minimum 0.6 FTE (i.e. 3 days a week). Medical advisers are not DVA employees they are a contracted workforce.
- All medical advisers are required to undergo induction & competency training.

7. How many are not Australian citizens...'

- None - To work at DVA all staff are required to be Australian citizens or be eligible for a citizenship waiver.

Important to note: Clinical advisers are not decision makers and do not approve or deny any requests for services or claims for compensation. Clinical advisers provide DVA delegates with health advice based on their knowledge, skills and experience as health professionals when interpreting requests for health care services. Clinical advisers also provide professional advice when interpreting medical terminology and compliance with specific DVA legislation.