**Brief survey amongst freelance members on source and type of regulatory work (Q3 2014)**

**Introduction**

The EMWA freelance group conducted a brief survey amongst freelance EMWA members on type and source of registration documents prepared by freelancers. This was to establish whether it would be worth incorporating more detailed questions on this in the Freelance Business Surveys conducted every 3 years.

**Methods**

Respondents were asked whether they did regulatory work, how much of their time they spent on regulatory work, what proportion of their work was accounted for by different groups of regulatory documents, and where the work came from.

**Results**

82/143 (68%) respondents do regulatory work. Of these, 55 (67%) spend 50 to 100% of their time on regulatory documents (100% - 8 respondents; 75–99% - 31; 50–74% - 17).

***Mean proportion of regulatory document work spent on the following groups of documents***

***Mean proportion of work by source***

**Conclusions**

* Two-thirds of our freelance respondents spend more than half of their working time on regulatory documents.
* ‘Sensitive’\* regulatory documentation accounts for more than half of the regulatory work done by our freelance respondents.
* Big pharma and CROs supply more than half of the regulatory work done by our freelance respondents.
* We should take account of this in the Freelance Business Surveys.

\* For example, summary documents for submission, PBRERs, PSURs, RMPs, variations, and responses to authorities