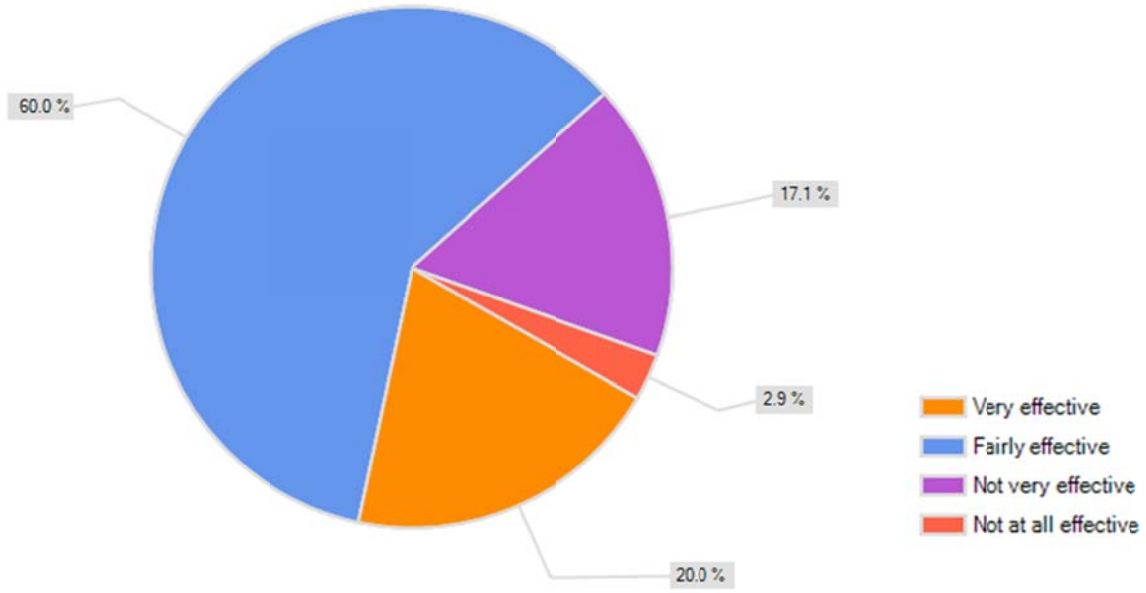
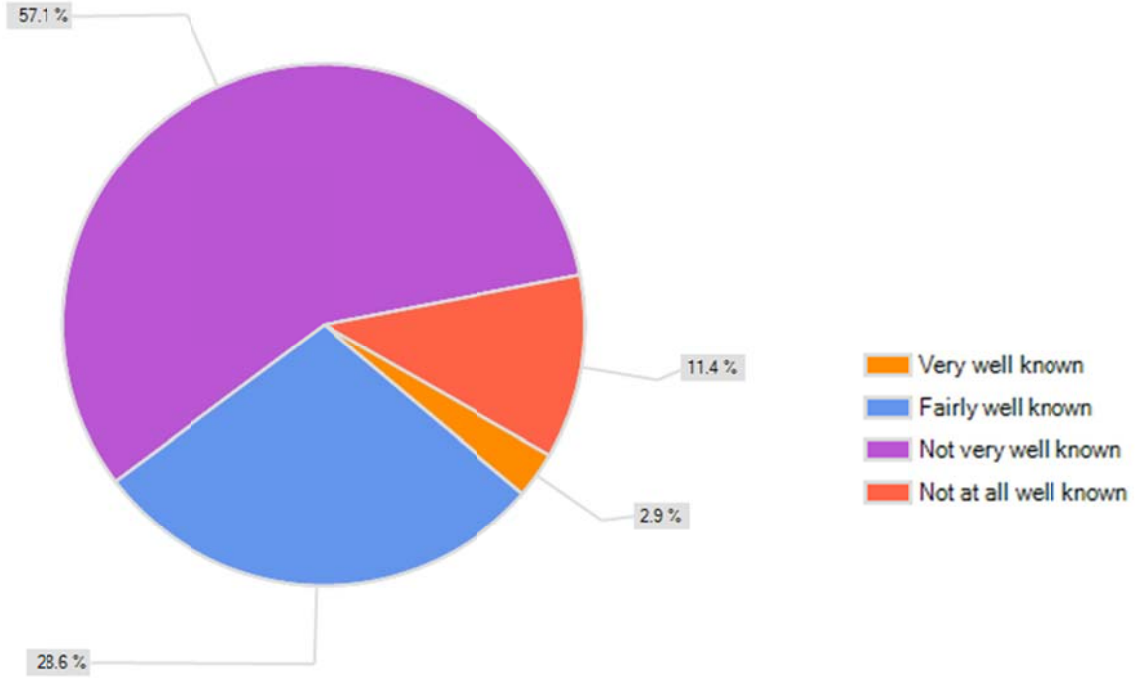
RESULTS OF SURVEY TO ASSESS THE VIEWS OF MONITORING OFFICERS AND STANDARDS OFFICERS

Section 1 – The ethical standards framework in Scotland

1. How effective do you believe the ethical standards framework has been in raising standards of behaviour?



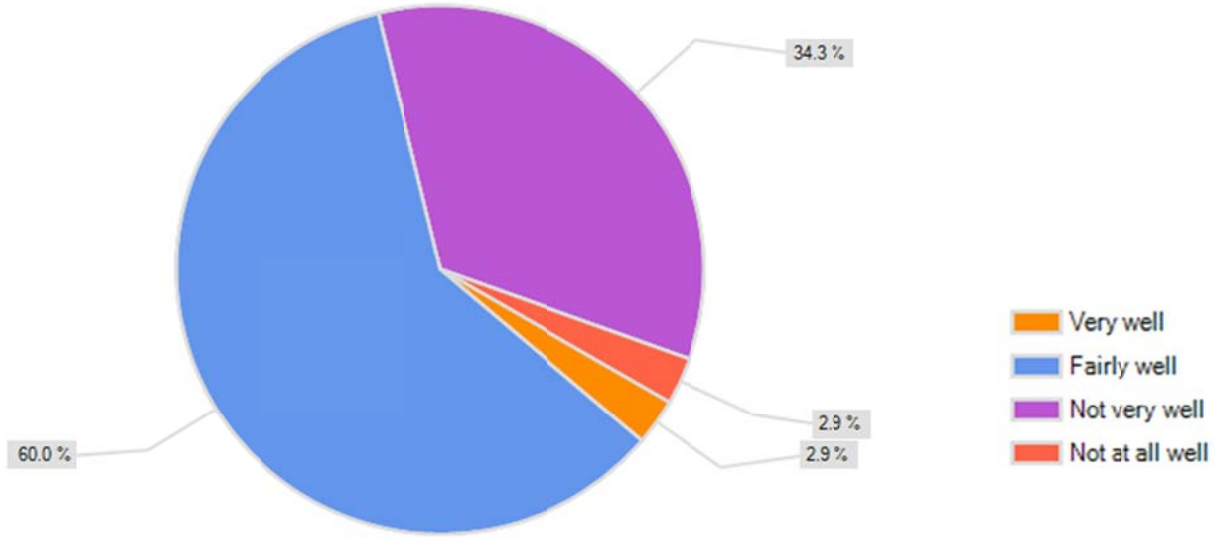
3. What is your perception of the awareness of the ethical standards framework among members of the public?



4. Do you think more needs to be done to make the public aware of the ethical standards framework?

Yes - 62.9%
No - 37.1%

6. Of the members of the public who are aware of the ethical standards framework (e.g. someone who has lodged a complaint with the Public Standards Commissioner for Scotland ("the PSC")), how well do you think they understand the framework?



7. Do you think more needs to be done to help the public understand the framework?

Yes - 50%
No - 50%

9. Do you understand the different roles exercised by the Standards Commission and the PSC?

Yes - 68.6%
No - 14.3%
Partly - 17.1%

10. Do you think your members/councillors understand the different roles exercised by the Standards Commission and the PSC?

Yes - 28.6%
No - 28.6%
Partly - 42.9%

11. Do you think it would be helpful if the different roles were better understood?

Yes - 74.3%
No - 25.7%

The final two questions in this section relate to the Model Code of Conduct and are for Standards Officers only

13. Do you think the Model Code of Conduct should be reviewed?

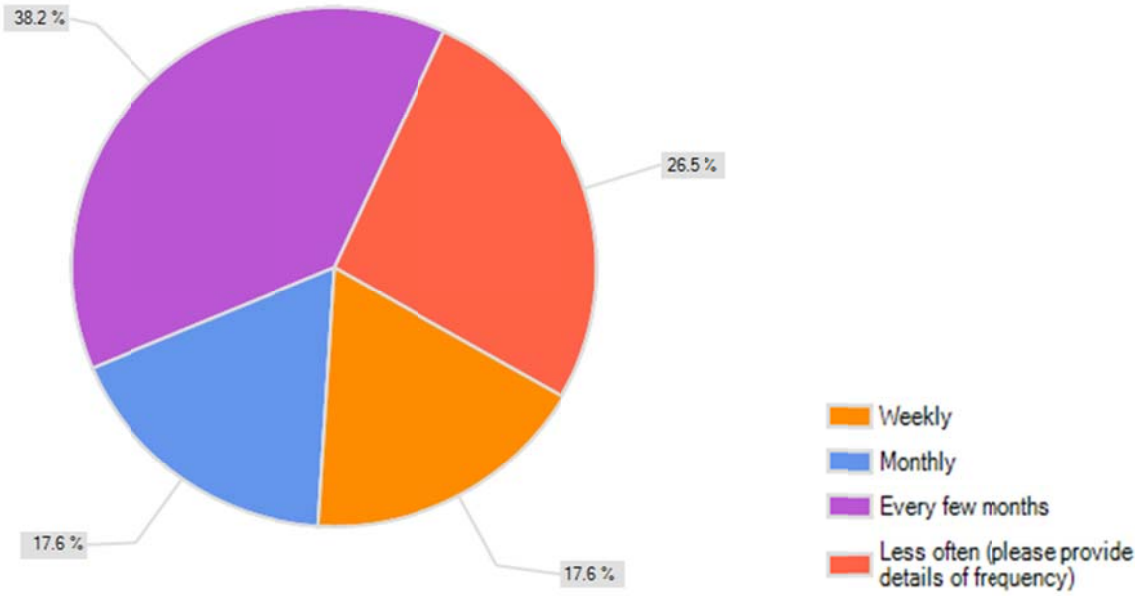
Yes - 52.2%
No - 47.8%

Section 2 – Standard Commission's Guidance and Training

16. Are the Standards Commission's guidance documents helpful for your councillors/ members in terms of assisting them to understand their Code?

Yes - 85.3%
No - 14.7%

17. How often do you refer to the Standards Commission for Scotland's guidance?



18. Do you think the Standards Commission for Scotland's guidance documents meet your needs?

Yes - 73.5%
No - 26.5%

20. Have you attended an event hosted by the Standards Commission for either members or officers?

Yes - 70.6%
No - 29.4%

21. If **yes**, was the event helpful to you in terms of assisting you in your role of advising councillors / members?

Yes - 61.8
No - 38.2

22. Do you think the Standards Commission for Scotland's events for members and officers meet the needs of members and officers?

Yes - 64.7%
No - 35.3%

24. Do you think that the Standards Commission should do more to help Councils/Bodies assist their councillors/members to observe high standards of conduct and comply with their Code?

Yes - 58.8%
No - 41.2%

Section 3 – Hearings under the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 ("the 2000 Act")

26. Do you have experience of the Hearings process under the 2000 Act?

Yes - 14.7%
No - 85.3%

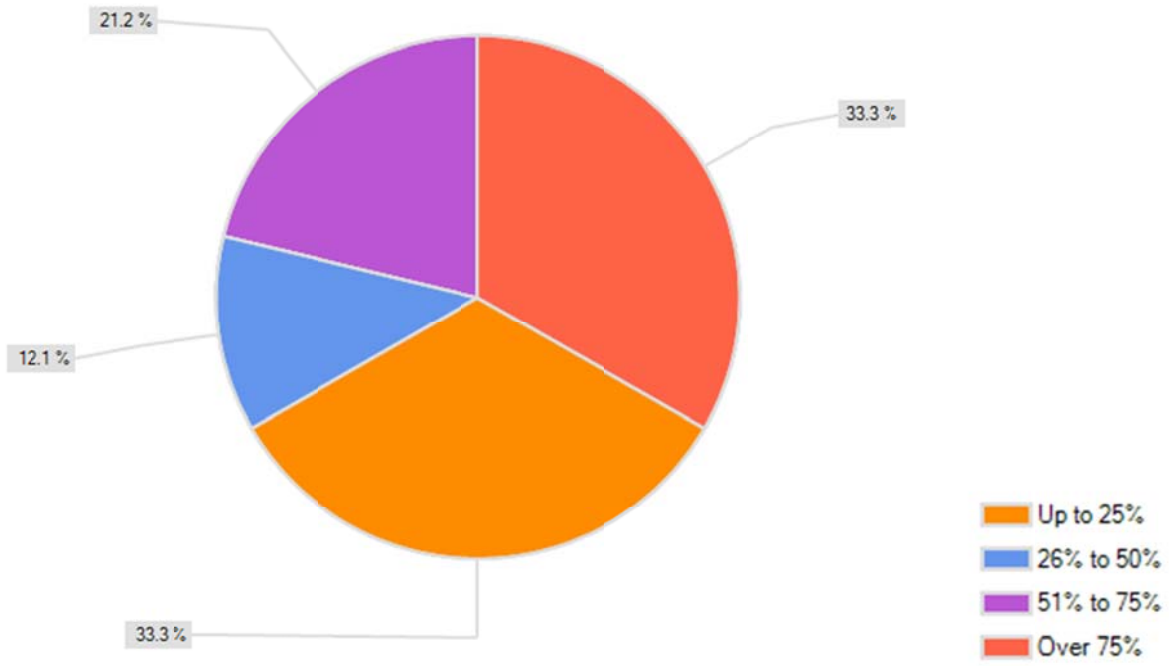
If **no**, please go to **Section 4**

Section 4 – Your Council / Public Body

28. How often does your Council/Body provide training sessions for your councillors/ members on the ethical standards framework?

Every six months - 0%
Annually - 39.4%
Other - 60.6%

29. During the current term of office (Councils) or last five years (Public Bodies) what percentage of your councillors/members have attended a training event run by your Council/Body on the ethical standards framework?



30. How often does your Council/Body ask your councillors/members to review their entries in their Register of Interests?

Every six months - 36.4%
Annually - 51.5%
Other - 12.1%

Section 5 – General

34. Please indicate whether you are a monitoring officer or standards officer:

Monitoring Officer – 17 responses
Standards Officer – 15 responses
Both – 1 response
Neither – 1 response