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### MeNZ B Vaccination: Putting a Brave Face on \$250M Down the Gurgler

The Ministry of Health, its advisors, and associated pharmaceutical industry players have worked together to effectively bin roughly \$250M of your money. These vital funds could have saved thousands in anti-obesity initiatives. Given thousands of hospital staff well deserved pay increases. Enhanced rural health services. Financed 14,000 hip replacements. Kept thousands of young doctors and nurses in the country. Built a brand-new, modern public hospital for Wellington. Provided a huge number of post grad research scholarships and grants. Eliminated the \$300K Otago Community Hospice operating deficit a staggering 830 times over. But, instead of putting the needs of people over-expensive high-profile projects, this cash was spent on a large-scale experimental vaccination programme for New Zealand children.

What the public knows now: the MeNZ B vaccination only provides a small fraction of the protection that most parents were led to believe it would, even with the addition of a last-minute (desperation) fourth extra dose. For some, the MeNZ B immune protection appears to last only a few months. Children's bodies proved smarter than the vaccine and didn't bother to waste life energy maintaining an unneeded immune response. The body's innate intelligence trumped bureaucratic scientific intelligence – yet again.

The Government has astutely halted the MeNZ B programme a year early, but not because of these problems, they say. Yes, despite the unexpected and precipitous fall-off in vaccine effectiveness, the MeNZ B programme has somehow managed to be more successful than they expected and well ahead of schedule too, so it's been terminated. That's the official no-bull story.

#### How Long was the Jab Supposed to Last?

If you had been told that the jab would not last until your child's next birthday, would you have authorised the shots to be given? No? But you were under the impression from official information that it would last for many years weren't you? Ministry of Health officials wanted you to give your children the shots regardless of

the inconvenient details. After all, it was the only way they could hit their targets. Well, like unscrupulous salesmen, they are now resorting to the get-out clauses and fine points of wording buried in the small print of their vaccine "information".

Some experts claim that they have always known that the MeNZ B vaccine only had short-term benefits. As the beer ad goes: Yeah Right. If they had, why were multiple boosters not scheduled for everyone throughout the whole multi-year vaccination campaign? Why wasn't the fourth dose for infants scheduled in from the start? Why weren't parents told upfront? The facts don't fit and neither does their story. Possible explanations: the authorities had no idea that vaccine effectiveness rapidly dropped even as they launched the mass vaccination programme or they chose to ignore (and obscure) the fact later on. These are not palatable scenarios. Both public funds and public trust have been squandered.

#### MeNZ B: Why it was, and still is "Experimental"

Why do I call the MeNZ B vaccine "experimental"? Because it took a large-scale, multi-year tax-payer funded jab programme on New Zealand babies to discover even the most basic facts about infant reaction to the vaccine – e.g. how long the benefits last, how many doses were needed, etc. Without that information, how could you as a parent have made a proper risk-benefit decision about the vaccine? Answer: you could not possibly have. But you do remember being reassured that the vaccine was "effective", "well researched" and "proven" don't you? That you should "Be Wise, Immunise"? Like the majority of parents (especially new ones) you probably felt pressured and were taken in (sorry about that).

However, do not blame your medical doctor or your nurse for keeping you in the dark. Why? Because astonishingly, these health professionals were also kept in the dark (this is truly scary if you think about it). In my view, the credibility of both the medical and nursing professions has taken a hit, not because of the actions of frontline practitioners of integrity, but because of

back room health-system bureaucracy. Forty years ago, medical doctors had great influence and control over the health system. Today that has been compromised; career bureaucrats, professional managers, and private industry interests seem to have the most swing.

#### The MeNZ B Waste: \$250,000,000 to save 1.7 lives

Why do I characterise the MeNZ B vaccination programme as a waste? Let's see how many lives the multi-year \$250M vaccination programme saved from what we were told was the dangerous, widespread and fatal meningococcal "epidemic" sweeping the country? Several hundred? Fifty? Actually, 1.7 (yes that is the official estimate). Does this mean that one person was saved by the vaccine or two? Perhaps it was just one person of normal height and one really short person who was saved? And where did these lucky 1.7 people live, exactly?

More seriously, we must be told what the margin of error (95% and 99% confidence intervals) of this estimate is. The reason: 1.7 is really very close to zero, statistically speaking. With a big enough margin of error, the real number of lives saved by the vaccine could actually BE ZERO. Just think. If \$250M had been used to fix up a few road black spots up and down the country many more lives would have been saved by now, not just 1.7. What does this tell us? Yep, the pharmaceutical industry lobby is way more influential in Government than the roadworks industry lobby.

#### Brazen Opportunity Cost to New Zealand Society

For argument's sake let's say that 1.7 lives were really saved: this means that roughly NZ\$147,000,000 (incl GST) was spent to save one life. This kind

of money could have built 5-6 brand-new regional hospitals. Since the start of the MeNZ B programme, thousands upon thousands of New Zealanders have died of accident, suicide, violence, neglect and other preventable causes. Call me radical, but maybe – just maybe – some of that vaccine cash could have been better spent in other areas, instead of being gifted to a drug company balance sheet. It's been an obscene waste with a staggering opportunity cost to our society. Accountability: where is it I ask again? An even bigger question: does Government actually value people enough to make the best use of scarce resources to improve lives? Because the actual evidence here points the wrong way.

Meanwhile, experts who originally pushed for this programme (and who are still working on getting more funding allocated to shiny new vaccines), claim that it was money well spent, every single dollar. And, they're doing this straight-faced, soaking in a big, dripping pool of egg, lovingly patting the pharmaceutical white elephant that they purchased with your tax money.

#### What do 200,000 White Elephants and the Iraq War have in common?

Talking about White Elephants, there are still almost 200,000 doses of the vaccine (i.e. millions worth) now gathering dust on a fridge shelf somewhere. The idea is that these limited vaccines are now some kind of really cool strategic reserve awaiting action against a future epidemic. In reality these are actual health dollars slowly marching towards a batch expiry date when the whole lot will be quietly incinerated. More waste.

Experts involved with the programme have said that it is easy for critics to judge the programme with 20/20 hindsight because (grasping

at straws here) it seemed like "a good idea at the time". But, just like the Iraq War, plenty of people pointed out problems with the plan early on and were, just like the Iraq War, largely ignored by a condescendingly self-smug establishment. Just like the Iraq War, academics are coming out now saying that they knew that things should have been done "differently". Thanks so very much guys and girls, for speaking out after all the shots have been fired.

#### More New, Expensive and Scientifically Proven Vaccines Coming Your Way

The pro-vaccine crowd is about to start pushing a brand-new \$177 million dollar vaccination programme, the HPV vaccine, on to your pre-teenage daughters. And, they have a brand-new meningitis vaccine in the works for you too. But, you can breathe easy: these new vaccines are all well researched and proven and safe and effective, etc., just like MeNZ B. I mean, the smallpox vaccine was amazing in Africa in the 60's and 70's, let's not stop when we're on a good thing!

Now, there may be many unknowns surrounding the MeNZ B vaccine but there is one certainty: lots and lots of money was made from it. Expert advisors and consultants made money telling Government what a great, effective, important vaccine it was. Practitioners made money delivering the jabs and handing out lovely-looking, reassuring "information" pamphlets. The drug company made money selling the drugs to the NZ health bureaucracy. A bureaucracy which appears to have fallen prey to an unstoppable "groupthink" syndrome with regards to the vaccination. They then pushed the drugs on to your unsuspecting family using a guise of science, emotion-driven advertising, celebrity sports stars and cherry-picked information designed to achieve their market-penetration objectives.

#### It's Not about Science. Its about Ethics and Trust.

The ethical bottom line: health authorities did not enable ordinary citizens (or even doctors) to make an

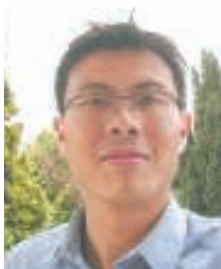
informed choice about this vaccine. Instead, having already decided in advance on your behalf, they launched a marketing campaign disguised as health information. Instead of information what they gave you was carefully crafted sales messages. They were not interested in giving you the ability to make a truly informed choice, just the outward appearance of it. And that's exactly why so many parents felt pressured, guilt tripped, and frustrated that they could not seem to find any solid information on the vaccine.

Oh, there is one more issue. Since the Ministry of Health and its highly qualified advisors have been shown to be remarkably wrong about the benefits of this vaccine (or at least what they decided to tell you about them), you should now be concerned about what else they have got wrong, especially about the issue of vaccine safety. Don't be fooled by the MeNZ B programme officially wrapping up. This is a continuing live experiment, one which is going to keep churning on and on for years inside your recently vaccinated children, long after the short-lived benefits of the vaccine have gone.

As for how much trust you should now place in the statements of the Minister of Health, the Ministry of Health and associated expert vaccination advisors? How trusting are you, really? In my opinion, their combined word isn't worth the palletised floor-to-ceiling-high stacks of paper that \$250M of tax money, now mostly shipped overseas, was printed on.

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