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Re: Enquiry re Disclosure Statements – The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers

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Subject: Enquiry re Disclosure Statements - The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers

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Professor Cory

On 9 December 2012 I forwarded you an email asking if disclosure statements for members of the Working Group and Oversight Committee for [The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers](#) publication were publicly available on the Australian Academy of Science website (see below).

I also forwarded [emails to Sir Gus Nossal](#) on this matter. While I have received a brief response from Sir Gus Nossal in the meantime, I have not as yet received a response from the Academy of Science.

The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers publication promotes the use of vaccine products. **I suggest it is essential that any potential conflicts of interest of the Working Group and Oversight Committee be disclosed.** For instance, [according to The Conversation website](#), Professor Ian Frazer receives royalties from the sale of HPV vaccines in the developed world. As far as I can see, this pertinent information is not recorded in [The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers](#).

Do other members of the Working Group and Oversight Committee have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?

Sir Gus has advised me of his status in this area. Unfortunately, his email carried the caveat: ***"The information in this email is confidential and intended solely for the addressee. You must not disclose, forward, print or use it without the permission of the sender"***, which rather misses the point of my enquiry...

Also, it has come to my attention that Professor Frazer made the following statement in relation to my request for disclosure statements:

Colleagues

I'm sure we should do this though it will be used (and probably abused) by Elizabeth Hart who evidently has a thing about vaccines (which she believes are overused by both the medical and the veterinary professions.)^[1]

Professor Frazer is correct in his assumption that I believe vaccines are overused by both the medical and the veterinary professions.

Along with my colleague Bea Mies, I have undertaken extensive investigation and correspondence on veterinary vaccination, as detailed on my website, refer to this webpage: [Over-vaccination of pets – an unethical practice](#). The media has also reported on this matter, see for example the report by consumer watchdog CHOICE: [Pet vaccination – Over-vaccinating your pet could be harmful to their health as well as your own hip pocket](#) and the ABC's report: [Questions raised over pet vaccination](#).

Professor Frazer's suggestion that I would 'abuse' information related to disclosure statements is uncalled for. The public is entitled to transparency and accountability for vaccination practice, and this is seriously lacking at the current time. My website [Over-vaccination – Challenging Big Pharma's lucrative over-vaccination of people and animals](#) seeks to help redress this matter.

Professor Cory, I request your early response to my enquiry about disclosure statements.

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Hart

[1] Email correspondence dated 8 January 2013 received by Bea Mies.

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Professor Cory

I am currently reading **The Science of Immunisation: Questions and Answers**.

I note that the membership of the Working Group who prepared the questions and answers, and the Oversight Committee of Academy Fellows, is listed on the last page.

Can you please advise if disclosure statements for these people, i.e. detailing any possible conflicts of interest, are publicly available on the Australian Academy of Science website?

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely
Elizabeth Hart