

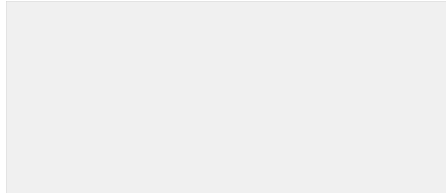
Question No : 336

Question : Hib Vaccination Program - Answer to Question 304

Question Date : 22/02/94

Member : Mrs HICKEY

To : MINISTER for HEALTH and COMMUNITY SERVICES



What are the contents of agreements made between the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments, referred to in Answer to Written Question No 304, part 5.

ANSWER

Attached is a copy of the signed agreement made between the Northern Territory and Commonwealth governments regarding the Hib Vaccination Program.

TO: The Secretary
Department of Health, Housing
Local Government and Community Services
PO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2600

'AGREEMENT'

The Northern Territory Department of Community and Health Services accepts the recommendation made by the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services in a letter dated 9 June 1993:

1. to purchase PRP-OMP (PedvaxHIB); and
2. agree with the 'Determination of terms and conditions of a grant to the states for a National Program of Immunisation against Haemophilus influenzae type b'.

In addition, the Northern Territory Department of Community Services and Health accepts the offer made by the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services in a letter dated 9 June 1993 of a grant of \$0.103m for the financial year 1993-94 for the implementation of the National Hib Immunisation.

The Northern Territory Department of Community Services and Health agrees that the Letter of Offer, this Agreement, the Determination together form the contract governing the payment of the grant.

Dated this 24th day of June 1993.

Signed: Gordon Lee Koo

Office: A/Assistant Secretary, Community Care

by or on behalf of the Director-General, Northern Territory Department of Community and Health Services.

DETERMINATION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A GRANT TO THE STATES FOR A NATIONAL CATCH-UP PROGRAM OF IMMUNISATION AGAINST HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE TYPE B

I, Graham Richardson, Minister of State for Health ('the Minister'), pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the Supply Act 1993-1994 ('the Act') hereby determine the following as the terms and conditions applicable to payments under both the Act and any later Appropriation Act as defined in subsection 4(1) of the Act for the financial year ('grant moneys') to the States for the purpose of the National Program.

1. In this determination, unless otherwise specified:

- ∅ 'Commonwealth Officer' means an officer of the Department;
- ∅ 'cold chain requirements' means the requirement to at all times ensure the vaccine is stored or transported between 2 - 8 degrees centigrade;
- ∅ 'Department' means the Commonwealth Department of Health, Housing, Local Government and Community Services;
- ∅ 'financial year' means the period of twelve months ending on 30 June;
- ∅ 'Hib disease' means Haemophilus Influenzae type b;
- ∅ 'immunise' means to immunise against Hib disease;
- ∅ 'National Advisory Committee' means the Committee comprising a member nominated by each State, the Department and the Minister;
- ∅ 'National Program' means a national program to immunise all children under 5 years of age and resident in Australia;
- ∅ 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Department or a Commonwealth Officer authorised in writing by him;
- ∅ 'State' and 'States' includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory; and
- ∅ 'the State Plan' means the State Plan, varied as provided in paragraph 7, agreed for a State between representatives of the Department and those of that State for the implementation within that State of the National Program.

2. The total of the amount payable under the grant moneys will be allocated among the States in proportion to the number of children resident in each State and aged under 5 years on 31 December 1992 in each State according to an estimate based on data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

3. The States will keep a separate account ('the Account') of grant moneys and expend them solely for the purchase - as nominee of the Commonwealth under contracts entered into by the Commonwealth for the supply to it or its nominee of vaccine - to implement in that State the National Program.

4. The National Program has the following objectives:

- (a) a reduction at the end of the first year of the National Program's operation in the incidence of Hib disease in children under 5 years of age with a dramatic reduction in that incidence at the end of a further 4 years;
- (b) maximising the number of children under 5 years of age who are immunised under the

National Program against Hib disease; and

- (c) high standards of program management, service delivery, monitoring, evaluation and accountability.
5. The grant moneys are to be used to purchase the vaccine(s) necessary to implement the National Program. The Secretary will determine the vaccine(s) to be purchased and the Commonwealth will enter into a contract or contracts with the suppliers of the vaccine(s).
The State shall use the grant moneys to purchase the vaccine(s) under the contract or contracts entered into by the Commonwealth with the vaccine suppliers.
6. The functions of the National Advisory Committee are:
 - (a) to provide advice to the Commonwealth and State Health Ministers on the implementation of the National Program; and
 - (b) to develop a national plan for evaluating the effectiveness and success of the National Program.
7. The State Plan may be varied to take account of any changes agreed between the State and the Department including any changes agreed as a result of advice from the National Advisory Committee in relation to the implementation of the National Program either nationally or in relation to a State.
8. Each State shall:
 - (a) provide information on Hib disease and immunisation coverage to enable the successful conduct of the evaluation referred to in paragraph 6(b);
 - (b) liaise with the Department of the National Advisory Committee in relation to the implementation of the State Plan and the National Program;
 - (c) purchase and use the vaccine to immunise, free of charge, children under 5 years of age who are resident in Australia at the time of immunisation;
 - (d) establish or develop distribution systems which adequately meet cold chain requirements;
 - (e) develop targets for immunisation coverage at State wide, Regional and sub-population levels;
 - (f) maintain a surveillance system that allows:
 - i. estimation of age appropriate immunisation coverages;
 - ii. estimation of vaccine efficacy levels in different population groups;
 - iii. estimation of vaccine wastage levels; and
 - iv. the recording, reporting and investigation of any adverse reaction following immunisation;
 - (g) develop and put in place agreed standards of access and equity; and
 - (h) ensure appropriate standards are maintained in the provision of vaccines.
9. A State shall not use the grant moneys for any purpose other than that described in paragraph 3 without the prior written approval of the Secretary.
10. Should a State use the grant moneys for a purpose other than that purpose without that approval, the Commonwealth may terminate the grant and both all unexpended grant moneys and grant moneys expended on unauthorised purposes shall thereupon be repaid to the Commonwealth.
11. The State shall advise the Secretary of any other moneys which it is receiving for the purposes described in paragraph 3.
12. The State shall allow inspection by any Commonwealth Officer authorised by the Secretary of any records relating to the grant moneys provided hereunder and keep those grant moneys separate

from other moneys.

13. The Commonwealth shall advance to each State:

- (a) by 14 September 1993, 42% of the grant moneys payable to that State in respect of the financial year; and
- (b) by 15 December 1993, the remaining 58% of grant moneys payable to that State in respect of the financial year.

14. Each State shall:

- (a) within 5 months after the completion of the financial year in respect of which grant moneys are provided under this Determination, provide to the Department a statement of compliance signed by an officer appointed by the State stating whether:
 - (i) grant moneys provided under this Determination have been used for the purposes described in paragraph 3; and
 - (ii) these conditions have been met; and
- (b) if requested by the Department, forward to the Department a statement of receipts and payments certified by an appropriate officer, which shall include receipts and payments and a balance sheet in respect of grant moneys provided under this Determination during any period of 6 months of the financial year specified in the request.

15. If the State does not comply with these conditions, the Commonwealth may withhold payment of further grant moneys in respect of the grant.

16. Any grant moneys not expended by a State at the end of the financial year may be offset against grant moneys payable by the Commonwealth for the purposes of the National Program in a subsequent financial year or be required to be repaid to the Commonwealth.

17. The Commonwealth through the Department shall:

- (a) liaise and assist each State with the implementation of the State Plan;
- (b) provide central coordination and secretariat services for the National Advisory Committee;
- (c) encourage research into areas related to the National Program; and
- (d) provide reports and recommendations to the Minister on the implementation of the National Program.

Dated this 25th day of August 1993
GRAHAM RICHARDSON
Minister for Health