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Questions about the proposals discussed in the paper

Question 1: Import and subsequent use of gametes and embryos

Do you agree that the principles and requirements of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004 should apply in all cases where people wish to import into and use in New Zealand gametes and embryos sourced or created in other countries?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

I agree strongly with the case set out in 3.2 and developed in nos 49-61. N^o 59, under 'Justice and equality' is a particularly important consideration.

Question 2: Export of gametes and embryos

Do you agree that export of gametes and embryos should be possible, provided that:

- the subsequent use of gametes or embryos is consistent with the principles and requirements of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004, including any prohibitions, and
- all gamete providers, including donors, have given informed consent to the export of their gametes or of embryos created from their gametes?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

Consistency with the requirements of the HARTS act is an important principle. NZ has a right to decide what is lawful in this country, regardless of what is lawful elsewhere. (55)

Question 3: Decisions about import and export for assisted reproductive procedures

Do you agree that fertility services providers should continue to make decisions about whether the import and export of gametes and embryos for assisted reproductive procedures is consistent with the principles of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004 and New Zealand requirements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you disagree with the proposal, who or what should make decisions about whether the import and export of gametes and embryos for assisted reproductive procedures is consistent with New Zealand requirements?

Yes. The regulations now in place seem to be working well. *

Please give reasons for your views.

* The way this page is set out seems to indicate to me that you want reasons for my views only if I ~~disagree~~ disagree with the proposal. Is that your intention?

Question 4: Decisions about import and export for human reproductive research

Do you agree that the role of the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology in respect of human reproductive research should explicitly include considering and deciding applications to undertake human reproductive research involving imported and exported gametes and embryos?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you disagree with the proposal, who or what should be responsible for making decisions about research involving imported and exported gametes and embryos?

Please give reasons for your views.

Yes - No. 76 is important, I think -
ECART's scrutiny should ensure that
research unacceptable in this country was
not being carried out here.

Question 5: Regulations

Do you agree that regulations should be made about the requirements for the import and export of gametes and embryos?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you disagree with the proposal, how should requirements for import and export be set out?

Please give reasons for your views.

Yes - The reasons given seem to me to be sound & make regulation necessary.

Question 6: Donor compensation

Do you agree that the Ministry of Health should be asked to consider guidance to fertility services providers that allows for increased levels of donor compensation, particularly for egg donors?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you agree that such guidance should, for consistency, include the expenses available to surrogates?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you agree with the proposals, do you have a view about appropriate maximum levels of compensation to donors?

As you can see, above, I have a ^{difficulty} ~~problem~~ here.
I am the recipient of a ~~donor~~ donated kidney from my brother - and it was done altruistically.
I strongly support the idea that organ, + tissue donation should not be commercialised - it's a demeaning of what it is to be human.
Certainly I see the point of your choice of

Please give reasons for your views.

'recompense' rather than 'purchase' or 'reward' for donation, but I don't think that is ideal. On that basis a person earning \$200,000 a year would deserve a 'recompense' greater than someone on \$40,000?

Question 7: Public health information

Do you agree that the Ministry of Health should be asked to consider public health information about:

- the impact of age and other factors on fertility, and
- gamete donation?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

Yes. It seems that the conception of a first child is occurring later ~~as~~ now than 10 or 20 years ago (later - in terms of ~~men~~ mothers' ages - and this tendency to later conception ~~aborn~~ is having a depressing effect on our birthrate, and on couples' hopes for children

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Question 8: Data about offshore fertility treatment and outcomes

Do you agree that the Ministry of Health should be asked to consider strategies for collecting data about the use and outcomes of offshore fertility treatment by New Zealanders?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If you agree, do you have ideas about how such information could be collected?

As in 124 above. It would be a start anyway. Could the World Health Organisation organise some system of international information sharing?

Please give reasons for your views.

119 above, I agree with.

Question 9: Comments or suggestions

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the issues discussed in this proposed advice paper?

In a society where increasing ^{numbers} of people seem to be saying: This or that procedure is technically possible, so it ought to be legally possible; the same principles underlying the HART Act are increasingly threatened. Two principles seem particularly at risk: the rights of children born, to know of their origins and have a relationship with their biological ~~for parents~~ parents, and the principle - long supported in NZ, that transactions involving body parts be not commercialised.

Your advice to the Minister generally upholds ~~upholds~~ these principles, but you must expect, unfortunately, to encounter increasing challenges as individualism bites more into our attitude.