Appendix 8: Key Informant Interview Questions (Qualitative)

Key Informant Questionnaire – Semi-structured Format

Background information

1. Name of respondent [Will not be linked with response]
2. Organisation
3. Role of respondent in organisation

Role of your organisation in human hazardscape

4. Could you please clarify the broad range of human health hazards your organisation is concerned about?

5. Is the role of your organisation defined in legislation? Specify.

6. Does your organisation have any discretion in deciding which hazards to focus on? Explore whether it can be proactive, or is largely reactive.

7. What factors does your organisation use to decide which hazards to focus on? Explore the following dimensions:
   • Political direction
   • Public / media concern
   • Environmental burden of disease analysis
   • Economic analysis
   • Future risk and uncertainty
   • Inequalities
   • Other factors

8. Thinking about the health hazards your organisation is concerned about, do you think they may become more of problem (higher risk) in the future?

9. What roles does your organisation carry out with respect to the hazards you are concerned with
   • Risk assessment
   • Risk management
   • Surveillance and/or research

10. Does your organisation have defined terms / frameworks it uses in the following areas?
    • Hazard
    • Risk
• Risk assessment
• Risk management
• Role of Government more generally in managing the human hazardscape

11. Are you familiar with the term ‘hazardscape’? Is this concept useful? [Show them a definition if they are uncertain].

12. Do you think the government is doing enough to manage the existing human hazardscape in NZ? Eg are there important gaps in hazard/risk management? [Show them a list of hazards] Why/Why not?

13. Do you think the government is doing enough to minimise emerging hazards such as antibiotic resistance and climate change induced extreme weather events?

14. Are there any specific human health hazards in NZ you think could be managed better? If yes, specify which hazards and how they could be better managed?

15. How do the consequences of this hazard affect different groups ie are there important inequalities/inequities in the distribution of exposure?

16. What measures are the government taking to minimise these disparities?

Role of individuals in managing the human hazardscape

17. Do you think New Zealanders have a realistic understanding of importance human health hazards?

18. Do you think individuals have a high personal ‘locus of control’ over important hazards?

19. Is there an effective way to inform New Zealanders of these hazards?

20. How do you think New Zealanders could be better educated as to the actual risks of the hazardscape to their health?