

Unpalatable GM spin

YESTERDAY Environment Secretary Owen Paterson claimed that - without global support for genetically modified food - millions of children will go blind or die in the Third World.

The GM lobby frequently deploys such emotive arguments in a bid to bend rightly sceptical public opinion in its favour.

But, for all the hectoring and PR spin, many troubling questions about GM remain unanswered.

For instance, what about the warning by doctors in Canada that toxins implanted into GM crops to kill pests were reaching the bloodstreams of women and unborn babies?

How can the GM propagandists so wilfully ignore the concerns of scientists about the threat to wildlife, organic farming and the wider environment?

The boldest assertion made by Mr Paterson was that GM is 'categorically' safer than conventionally farmed food.

Wasn't the silence from Number Ten, when repeatedly asked if David Cameron would feed GM produce to his family, much more informative?

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