Dear Prime Minister Turnbull

I am a journalist and have a number of questions regarding the $50 billion Australian Submarine tender won by DCNS. The Australian CEO of DCNS is Sean Costello who was chief-of-staff for former Defence Minister David Johnston which would be concerning for most Australians. DCNS are also currently being investigated for bribing Malaysian officials to win a submarine contract on 2002. You might not be able to answer all the questions but you should be able to answer most.

The questions for are:

1. Who in the Liberal Party and/or government said it would be OK for Sean Costello to leave his Liberal Party/government position and become CEO of DCNS in Australia?
2. When did Sean Costello leave his government position and when did he start with DCNS.
3. What background checks did the Liberal Party do in relation to DCNS? From what I can tell no one bothered to even do an internet search, is that correct?
4. Was the Federal Government aware of the Malaysian submarine bribery scandal involving DCNS before awarding the $50 billion Australian submarine contract? It so what did the government do?
5. Was the Federal Government aware of the other past bribery scandals involving DCNS? It so what did the government do?
6. Has Mr Costello donated to the Liberal Party and if so how much?
7. Has DCNS donated to the Liberal Party or any of its slush funds?
8. How much is Sean Costello being paid?
9. Was he paid a bonus for winning the Australian Submarine contract?
10. Were there any other people paid bonuses for winning the Australian Submarine contract? If there were, who and how much?

Could you please respond ASAP as I will publish your response and your answers would be of interest to all Australians before the federal election.

Regards

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