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LIBS TELLING PORKIES ABOUT SNOUTS IN THE TROUGH

Senate Estimates today revealed the Government lied about how much Liberals are paying a failed colleague in a mates-rates job.

On 9 April, the Government announced David Johnston, a man most famous for talking down Australia's defence industry, as the first Australian Defence Export Advocate.

On 16 May, the President of the Senate received a letter from the Defence Minister saying that Mr Johnston's remuneration for this position would be nil.

Today, the Defence Department confirmed that in fact Mr Johnston would be paid, but refused to release the details, claiming that information was commercial in confidence.

This was a shameless appointment of a Liberal mate to a job he was plainly unqualified for, and it's been backed up with a shameless lie.

It's time the Minister stood up and explained.

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