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**MINISTER NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBMARINES**

Today's announcement by Naval Group Australia that they will appoint their third CEO in 18 months leaves the Government with questions to answer about how they are managing the biggest procurement in Australia's history

Firstly, what is going on? Why is Naval Group Australia onto its third CEO in 18 months?

Will the project now be driven from Adelaide or Paris?

How will this affect negotiations for a Strategic Partnership Agreement which is already six months overdue?

What are the implications for any further delay in these negotiations?

What will the proportion of Australian content be on the first three submarines?

The Government is spending \$50 billion on the Future Submarine program. Whether the program goes well or badly will determine our strategic and industrial future.

The Minister needs to answer these critical questions immediately.

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