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I suspect many readers of this blog are not readers of the Sunday Times. Nor am I. I do not have a subscription. But it is covering important stories right now, and I will feature them via their journalists' tweets instead.

This [story is staggering](#). Remember that [Kate Bingham](#), is the [wife of Jesse Norman MP](#) - a Treasury Cabinet minister, and like Dido Harding the daughter of a Tory peer. I do not believe she would have got this job but for those associations. Since she [was not appointed in an open selection process](#) we will never know. What we do know is that the [official announcement](#) of her appointment was not correct. She [is not](#), as it implies, a life scientist. [She is a venture capitalist](#). And when even Murdoch's press is shocked there is something wrong:



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EXCLUSIVE: Kate Bingham, chair of Boris Johnson's vaccine taskforce, has charged taxpayers £670,000 for her own team of boutique PR consultants

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Bingham, who is married to Tory minister, Jesse Norman, and went to school with Boris Johnson, has charged taxpayers £670,000 for her own team of boutique PR consultants

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I am suggesting there is corruption here. I stress that I am defining corruption as a failure of the due and proper processes of government, using the term in the same way as a computer disc may be corrupt: it is not working as it should.

This is government very definitely not working as it should, exacerbated by the very close associations with a Cabinet minister and the Prime Minister.

How long do we have to put up with this?