

Nominations open to elect new Labor Leader

May 2019

On Wednesday 22 May 2019 the ALP National Executive met to start the process of electing a new Leader, following Labor's loss at the 2019 Federal Election.

Nominations for the new leader were opened for five days from Thursday 23 May at 10am, closing at 10am on Monday 27 May.

Candidates require 20% support of the Parliamentary Party (commonly referred to as the Caucus) to formally nominate.

If there is more than one nomination, there will be a ballot made up of 50% of votes from the Caucus and 50% of votes from a postal vote by grassroots members of the Labor Party conducted over 20 days.

The postal ballot of all ALP members will open on Friday 31 May and conclude on Thursday 27 June.

After the members ballot is returned, the Caucus will meet to cast its votes for the new Leader on 1 July.

The individual and combined result of both ballots will be announced shortly thereafter.

Mr Shorten will continue as Opposition Leader until the new Leader is elected.

Current Shadow Ministers will also remain in their portfolios until that time.

The Deputy Leader of the Party and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Party in the Senate will be elected by the Caucus after the ballot is completed.

Shadow Ministers are also elected by the Caucus.

The allocation of Shadow Ministerial portfolios and the appointment of Shadow Assistant Ministers (previously known as Shadow Parliamentary Secretaries) are made by the new Leader.

This Occasional Paper was updated on Thursday 23 May and will continue to be updated as the outcomes of the above process are confirmed.

Further information

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