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Bill Shorten Elected Federal Labor Leader

13 October 2013

On Sunday 13 October the [Hon. Bill Shorten MP](#) was elected Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party. This election was the first ever direct election of a Federal Labor Leader and involved a nationwide postal ballot of Labor branch members.

The 2013 election process followed the rules adopted by the Federal Labor Caucus at the 22 July 2013 special Caucus meeting, with the result determined by a 50-50 split vote by Labor branch members and the Federal Labor Caucus.

All financial Labor members as of 7 September 2013 were eligible to vote in the election. Approximately 30 426 members voted from 24 September to 11 October. Without knowing the results of the membership ballot, the Federal Labor Caucus voted on Thursday 10 October.

Results

The Hon. Bill Shorten MP won the Federal Labor Caucus ballot with 63.95% of the Caucus vote.

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP won the Labor membership ballot with 59.92% of the vote.

The combined vote for Federal Labor Leader was 52.02% to the Hon. Bill Shorten MP and 47.98% to the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP.

As a result, the acting Labor Leader, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP announced on 13 October that the Hon. Bill Shorten MP was elected as Federal Labor Leader.

Appointment of Shadow Ministry

The Federal Labor Caucus will meet on Monday 14 October to elect the Shadow Ministry. The new Labor Leader, the Hon. Bill Shorten MP, will assign portfolios shortly thereafter.

The Hon. Bill Shorten MP will also appoint the Shadow Parliamentary Secretaries and assign their portfolios.

Further information

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on the changes made earlier this year to the way leaders of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party are elected is available [here](#).

The Hawker Britton Occasional Paper on announcement of the election of the Federal Labor Leader is available [here](#).