

SA Labor elects new Parliamentary leadership April 2018

On Monday 9 April 2018 the South Australian State Labor caucus elected Peter Malinauskas MP as Leader of the Opposition and Susan Close MP as Deputy Leader, following the March 2018 State Election and the defeat of the Weatherill Labor Government.

Both were elected unopposed.

Mr Malinauskas, 37, becomes just the third leader of the SA Labor Party in the past 24 years.

Mr Malinauskas was SA Secretary of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association before entering the Legislative Council in 2015. He was the Minister for Police, Corrections and Emergency Services and from September 2017 until March 2018 was Minister for Health.

At the election, he won the western suburbs seat of Croydon.

Ms Close entered Parliament in 2015 as Member for Port Adelaide and has served most recently as Minister for Education.

The Shadow Cabinet will be announced in the next few days.

At the March 2018 State Election Labor lost four seats and two sitting members. No ministers lost their seats.

Labor holds 19 out of 47 seats in the House of Assembly and is likely to retain eight seats out of 22 in the Legislative Council. The new Liberal Government does not have a majority in the Upper House.

Further information

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