

## South Australian Legislative Council final results

April 2018

On Monday 23 April 2018 the final vote was declared for the South Australian Upper House, the Legislative Council.

The result means the Marshall Liberal Government does not hold a majority in the chamber that is able to block any Bills from the Lower House, including Budget measures.

The introduction of a new voting system at the March 18 election – most similar to the New South Wales system – had delayed the count.

The Legislative Council is a 22-seat chamber with half of its members up for re-election every four years. Members of the Legislative Council are elected for eight-year terms.

The final composition for the cohort of 11 who went to the 2018 election is:

Liberal	Labor	SA BEST	Greens
4	4	2	1

With the defection of Dennis Hood to the Liberal Party and the defeat of Robert Brokenshire, Family First/Australian Conservatives do not have representation in the Legislative Council. They held two seats in the previous Parliament.

Kelly Vincent of the Dignity Party also lost her seat.

The final composition of the full 22-seat Chamber is:

Liberal	Labor	SA BEST	Greens	Advance SA*
9	8	2	2	1

The Labor Opposition has seen three new councillors elected: Clare Scriven – who will serve as Deputy Labor Leader in the Legislative Council – Emily Bourke and Irene Pnevmatikos, with Justin Hanson returned.

No Government has held a majority in the Upper House in recent decades. With the Liberal Government supplying the President, the current Government has 8 seats on the floor of the Council.

The Government requires 11 votes on the floor of the chamber to win a vote. The Government will require either Labor Party support, or three crossbenchers (e.g. two Greens and one SA BEST member) to pass legislation.

\*Advance SA is represented by former SA Valuer-General John Darley, who was elected at the 2014 Election on the Nick Xenophon ticket.

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