

Federal Labor to elect new Parliamentary Leader May 2019

Following Saturday's election loss, the National Executive of the Labor Party will meet later this week to formally establish the process for the election of a new Leader.

Nominations for the new Leader will be opened at a meeting of the Parliamentary Party (commonly referred to as the Caucus). Candidates will require 20% support of the Caucus to formally nominate.

The ballot will be 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.

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

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 will be updated as the dates for the above process and outcomes are confirmed.

Further information

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