



PRIME MINISTER

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

24/5/22

— follows receipt of scanned copy
at 0807 23 May 22.

Your Excellency

As a consequence of the general election on 21 May 2022, the Coalition Government has not been able to secure enough members of the House of Representatives (the House) in order to form government.

Accordingly, I tender my resignation as Prime Minister and recommend that you ask the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, to form a Government.

In my view, the Australian Labor Party is the only party with enough members of the House to form government, either with a majority or with the support of other members of the House.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT MORRISON

23 May 2022



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The Honourable Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of today's date tendering your resignation and recommending that I commission the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP to form a Government following the election held on 21 May 2022.

I have accepted your recommendation and will ask Mr Albanese to form a Government.

In accordance with past practice, I should be grateful if you and your Ministers could continue in your current roles in a caretaker capacity until the swearing-in of the new Government.

Yours sincerely



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The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Leader of the Australian Labor Party
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Albanese,

The Prime Minister, the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, has written to me today to advise that the Coalition was defeated in the general election of 21 May 2022, and has tendered his resignation as Prime Minister. He has recommended that I ask you to form a Government.

As such, I should be grateful if you would confirm that the Australian Labor Party is in a position to form Government.

I have asked Mr Morrison and his Ministers to remain in their current roles in a caretaker capacity until a swearing-in of the new Ministry can occur.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Hurley', written over the 'Yours sincerely' text.



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Your Excellency

I am advised the Hon Scott Morrison MP has tendered his resignation as Prime Minister to you and has recommended that you invite me to form a Government.

The outcome of the general election on 21 May 2022 is that the Australian Labor Party is the only party with enough members of the House to form government, and I am confident that the Party will be able to do so either with a majority or with the support of other members of the House. As the Leader of the Australian Labor Party, I therefore recommend you appoint me as Prime Minister so that I may form my Ministry.

I propose to form an interim Ministry to facilitate the immediate commencement of my Government and enable my attendance, as Prime Minister, at the Quad Summit in Tokyo on Tuesday, 24 May 2022.

The names and portfolios of my recommended interim Ministry are provided, in order, at Attachment A.

There are two people I am recommending for appointment to my Ministry who are not currently members of the Federal Executive Council, being Dr Jim Chalmers MP and Senator Katy Gallagher. I recommend you administer the Executive Councillor's Oath or Affirmation to them. Additionally, I recommend you appoint Senator Gallagher to the office of Vice-President of the Federal Executive Council.

Instruments to give effect to my immediate recommendations are provided for your signature.

I understand you have agreed to the swearing-in ceremony for my interim Ministry at 9:00am on Monday, 23 May 2022 at Government House, Canberra.

It is my intention that the swearing-in of the full Ministry will occur shortly after I return from Tokyo (late on Wednesday, 25 May 2022), at a date and time to be settled between our offices. The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Richard Marles MP, will act as Prime Minister for the duration of my absence from Australia.

Yours sincerely



ANTHONY ALBANESE

Attachment A

- The Honourable Anthony Norman Albanese MP as the Prime Minister and to administer the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet;
- The Honourable Richard Donald Marles MP as Minister for Employment and to administer the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, the Department of Defence, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources;
- Senator the Honourable Penelope Ying-Yen Wong as Minister for Foreign Affairs and to administer the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;
- Dr James Edward Chalmers MP as Treasurer and to administer the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Home Affairs; and
- Senator Katherine Ruth Gallagher as Minister for Finance, Minister for Women and Attorney-General to administer the Department of Finance, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services.