



SCOTT MORRISON AND THE BIG SPILL

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In the past three days, Australians have been glued to the political developments unravelling minute by minute astounded, surprised and astounded by the gutter politics being enacted in Canberra today.

At the time of writing, no one knew the outcome of today's leadership spill. Right or wrong the facts are as follows:

A. Turnbull calls for a spill hoping to quell any move against him. The strategy worked and wins the vote by approximately 8 votes.

B. Turnbull fails to see that the move by Peter Dutton was merely a reconnaissance and intelligence gathering for the next move.

C. Peter Dutton and other ministers offer their resignation.

D. Cash, Corman and Fifield advise Turnbull that he no longer enjoys the confidence of the party.

E. Turnbull it is alleged to have initiated an investigation into Peter Dutton's eligibility for Parliament.

F. Peter Dutton advises Turnbull that he has the numbers and that Turnbull does not the confidence of the members.

F. Turnbull requests to see the names of the 43 members even though it is supposed to be secret. However it is up to Turnbull as Prime Minister to agree to a spill.

G. The Labor party and Greens attempt to disrupt parliament but are defeated.

H. It is alleged that Turnbull would resign as the member for Wentworth and thereby cause a by-election.

I. The public according to various media polls and discussions are disgusted.

J. The Labor party and the Greens become mischievous and go into the attack. The leader of the Greens was vitriolic in his condemnation of the Liberal government.

K. Scott Morrison and Julie Bishop throw their hat in the ring. Julie Bishop's partner it is alleged said to journalist that Julie Bishop will be the next Prime Minister. Journalist chuckle at his comments.

L. The Solicitor General clarifies Peter Dutton's eligibility to remain in parliament.

M. On Friday 24 August, Turnbull requests his Whip Nola Merino to double check all the signatures against the member's names. This is an indication that Turnbull knows that once this is known he has no choice but to hold a meeting.

N. In due course in accordance with Liberal party practices a spill was conducted. It was passed indicating that at that very moment Malcolm Turnbull was in fact no longer the leader. Peter Dutton, Scott Morrison and Julie Bishop indicated that they were seeking the role of Prime Minister.

O. At the first ballot Julie Bishop was knocked out. This defeat will certainly be hard for her to take and she may well now be considering her political future. A good performer who despite her good work will be considered as the deputy who stabbed her leader Tony Abbot when he was Prime Minister.

P. At this point it appears that Malcolm Turnbull has not resigned as Prime Minister and it would appear that he was waiting for the outcome of the Dutton versus Morrison.

Q. Announced that Scott Morrison had won the ballot for Prime Minister with the vote outcome at 45 for Scott Morrison to 40 for Peter Dutton. Interesting to see Mitch Fifield switched yet again from Dutton to Morrison. This now beggars the question as to why those responsible for the numbers for Peter Dutton could have it so wrong.

R. The last ballot was for role of Deputy which was won by Josh Frydenberg. Many within the Liberal Party consider him a hard worker and he does not hide his ambitions of wanting to become Prime Minister in due course. It also means that powerful forces were at play behind the scenes.

What does this mean now that Scott Morrison is the Prime Minister? Will Malcolm Turnbull resign, will he take a back seat, can he play second fiddle or will he exact revenge against those responsible for his downfall. On the other hand maybe Malcolm Turnbull may be happy that he has defeated Peter Dutton by a third party.

Can Scott Morrison heal the party is anyone's guess. Australians will just have to wait and see what Scott Morrison can achieve where all others have failed. One does though hope that he can unite both the left, the moderates and the right by having them all represented on the front bench. From my point of view, all that I can add to this political chaos is that we need strong leadership and stability, something that neither party has demonstrated that they are capable of.



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