

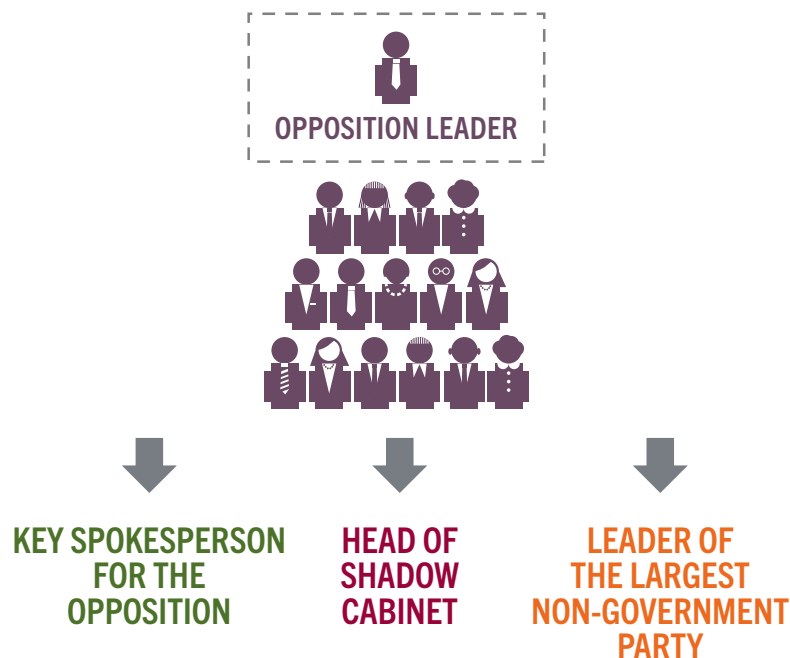
## LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

The Leader of the Opposition is a member of Parliament in the House of Representatives and leader of the largest non-government party (or coalition) in the House of Representatives. In the House of Representatives, the Leader of the Opposition sits at the centre table in front of the Opposition and opposite the Prime Minister. All the members in the party elect the leader.

The tasks of the Leader of the Opposition include:

- chairing the weekly party meeting
- helping to develop party policy
- selecting other members and senators in the same party to be shadow ministers
- leading the team of shadow ministers which is called the shadow cabinet
- acting as the chief spokesperson for the party inside and outside Parliament
- presenting different policies to the government, and
- leading the party in an election

The Leader of the Opposition is often seen as the alternative Prime Minister. The party can vote out the Leader of the Opposition and vote in a different member of Parliament at any time.



Role of the Leader of the Opposition