

Countdown to a minority government

If no party wins an overall majority of 326 seats in the House of Commons, a “confidence and supply” arrangement could let a minority government operate without the need for a formal coalition

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General election

If there is no majority winner, election results in “hung parliament”

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House of Commons

New Speaker elected. New MPs are sworn in. In case of hung parliament, incumbent Conservative Prime Minister **David Cameron** has first attempt at putting together a coalition or minority government



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Queen's Speech

State opening of parliament

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First key test of confidence

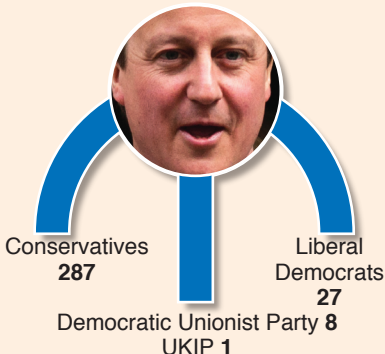
MPs due to vote on Queen's Speech in first week of June. If vote of confidence is lost, incumbent prime minister expected to resign. Labour's **Ed Miliband** has chance to put together minority government

Seats in possible confidence and supply minority governments*

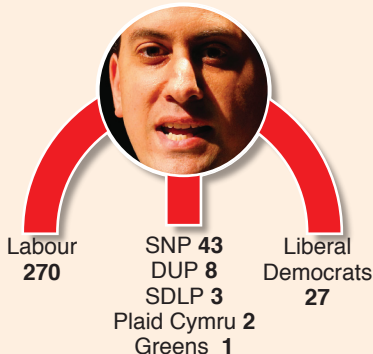
■ **Confidence:** Smaller parties prop up minority government or abstain during votes of no-confidence

■ **Supply:** Smaller parties support bills necessary for government to receive money to enact its policies

Conservative-led: Up to 323 seats



Labour-led: Up to 354 seats



*Projections by UK Parliamentary Election Forecast, April 8, 2015

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