

New Zealand's next prime minister



■ **Jan 19:** Prime Minister **Jacinda Ardern** (right) announces shock resignation after more than five years as leader, saying she has “no more in the tank”

■ Hipkins chooses **Carmel Sepuloni** (top right) as deputy prime minister – first person with Pacific Island heritage to hold this rank

■ **Jan 22:** Ruling Labour Party endorses **Chris Hipkins** (top left) in uncontested ballot to replace Ardern as party leader and prime minister

■ **Jan 25:** Hipkins, 44, who ran nation's Covid response, sworn in as 41st prime minister. **He has less than nine months before general election on October 14**

Labour is trailing conservative opposition in opinion polls*



How results could translate into seats in 120-seat Parliament



Centre-left coalition: **55 seats**

Centre-right coalition: **63 seats**

*Taxpayers' Union – Curia poll of 1,000 eligible voters, January 10-16. Margin of error: 3.1%

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