



LIB DEM VICTORY COULD COST BOOKIES MILLIONS

(19 April 2010) Nick Clegg's popularity following the live TV debate has put another spanner in the Election works of Labour and the Tories with the odds of a hung parliament, despite David Cameron's warnings, being backed from 6/5 on Friday to just 8/15 today. But such has been the reaction from punters since the debate that bookies now find themselves with a payout of several million pounds should the unlikely Lib Dem victory become a reality.

Paddy Power punters have now backed the Lib Dems to win the most seats on May 6th from 200/1 no-hopers to 10/1 contenders.

In the event of a coalition Lib Dems are now 6/4 to side with Labour and 5/1 the Conservatives. In such an event Paddy Power quotes Nick Clegg at 6/4 to be the Deputy Prime Minister, and with his MEP experience and linguistic skills he is a tempting 6/1 to end up as the next Foreign Secretary. But if Clegg's popularity continues on its upward spiral punters are also not ruling out a punt at 8/1 that Clegg could even become the next PM.

Roberto Coladangelo spokesman for Paddy Power said: "The betting reaction to the Lib Dems has been phenomenal and has forced us to revise the odds for all 650 constituencies.

"The bookies are calm at the moment but Thursday's second debate will give us a clearer picture of whether it's a matter of style over substance. Another strong performance from Clegg will have the bookie's getting very nervous about potential payouts on the Lib Dems which are running into the millions."

Nick Clegg - Cabinet Position

6/4 Deputy Prime Minister
6/1 Foreign Secretary
8/1 Prime Minister
12/1 Home Secretary

Chancellor After Next Election

1/2 George Osborne
6/4 Vince Cable
9/2 Alistair Darling
10/1 Philip Hammond
12/1 Ed Balls
12/1 Kenneth Clarke
28/1 Ed Miliband
33/1 David Miliband
40/1 Peter Mandelson
50/1 Andy Burnham
50/1 Alan Johnson

Most senior job held by a Liberal Democrat after election

6/4 Deputy PM
6/4 Chancellor of Exchequer

8/1 PM
10/1 Home Secretary
12/1 Foreign Secretary
14/1 Energy Secretary
20/1 Defence Secretary
20/1 Justice Secretary
20/1 Health Secretary
20/1 Transport Secretary
20/1 International Development Secretary
28/1 Culture Secretary

Who Will Lib Dems Form A Coalition With?

6/4 Labour
5/1 Conservatives
5/6 Neither

Liberal Democrats Result

6/1 More votes than anyone else
10/1 More seats than anyone else

10/1 More votes than anyone else but not more seats than anyone else
14/1 More votes than anyone else and more seats than anyone else

5/2 A second election to be held in 2010

Who Will Win Most Seats

1/7 Cons
10/3 Lab
10/1 Lib Dems

Overall Majority

8/15 None (Hung Parliament)
13/8 Conservative Majority
16/1 Labour Majority
22/1 Liberal Democrats

Ends

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