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# Choice is NA

## Chief's party leads, likely to form Govt

By ALEX RHEENEY

THE Governor-General is likely to invite the political party that returned the largest number of elected MPs over the weekend to form Government.

Electoral Commissioner Andrew Trawen was confident early this week he would call into Government House today to advise the Head of the State to do that but only 58 seats were declared as at 9pm last night, compelling commission staff to pick out the weekend as the likely time for the appointment with the leader.

They ruled out that being done on Monday as that is the deadline for the return of writs.

NA looks set to be invited by the Governor-General to form the next government but rumblings have already begun over its use of public assets to further its cause.

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**WATCHING:** New Ireland governor-elect and Peoples Progress Party (PPP) strongman Sir Julius Chan thanks Port Moresby-based New Irelanders for the rousing welcome accorded him, Kavieng MP Martin Aini and his son and Namatanai MP Byron Chan on their arrival in the National Capital District yesterday from Kavieng. His return to national politics after a 10-year absence adds a new dimension to the political manoeuvrings currently under way between political parties on a possible government coalition. Picture by JOE IVAHARIA.

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