

Agriculture Ministers of Western Australia

A Minister for Agriculture was first established in the Dalglish Government in 1904. Since then there have been 28 different Ministers responsible for agriculture. Frank Joseph Scott Wise was Minister for Agriculture consecutively across 3 different Governments spanning a period of 10 year period.

| Ministry | Name | Ministry Title | Assumption of Office Date | Retirement of Office Date |
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| Dalglish (ALP) 1904 -1905 | John Michael Drew, MLC | Colonial Secretary & Minister for Agriculture | 07 June 1905 | 25 Aug 1905 |
| Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906 | Newton James Moore | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 25 Aug 1905 | 07 May 1906 |
| Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910 | Frank Wilson | Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Agriculture and Education | 07 May 1906 | 14 May 1909 |
| | James Mitchell | Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Agriculture | 14 May 1909 | 30 June 1909 |
| | James Mitchell | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 30 June 1909 | 16 Sept 1910 |
| Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911 | James Mitchell | Minister for Lands & Agriculture & Industry | 16 Sept 1910 | 07 Oct 1911 |
| Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916 | Thomas Henry Bath | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 07 Oct 1911 | 23 Nov 1914 |
| | William Dartnell Johnson | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 23 Nov 1914 | 27 July 1916 |
| Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917 | Henry Bruce Lefroy, CMG | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 27 July 1916 | 28 June 1917 |
| Lefroy 1917 - 1919 | Henry Bruce Lefroy, CMG (KCMG, 1918) | Premier, Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 28 June 1917 | 17 Apr 1919 |
| Colebatch (Lib) 1919 - 1919 | Charles Farquharson Baxter, MLC | Minister for Agriculture | 17 Apr 1919 | 17 May 1919 |
| Mitchell (Nat) 19191 - 1924 | Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC | Minister for Public Health, Education, Agriculture & the North West | 17 May 1919 | 03 Apr 1921 |
| | Henry Kennedy Maley | Minister for Agriculture | 12 Apr 1921 | 15 Apr 1924 |
| Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930 | Michael Francis Troy | Minister for Mines & Agriculture | 16 Apr 1924 | 30 Apr 1927 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture, Lands & Immigration | 30 Apr 1927 | 15 Dec 1927 |
| | Harold Millington | Minister for Agriculture Minister for Agriculture & Police | 15 Dec 1927 25 June 1928 | 25 June 1928 23 Apr 1930 |

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| <i>Mitchell (Nat)</i> 1930 - 1933 | Percy Douglas Ferguson | Minister for Agriculture | 24 Apr 1930 | 24 Apr 1933 |
| <i>Collier (ALP)</i> 1933 - 1936 | Harold Millington | Minister for Agriculture & Police & the North West | 24 Apr 1933 | 26 Mar 1935 |
| | Frank Joseph Scott Wise | Minister for Agriculture & the North West | 26 Mar 1935 | 15 July 1936 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & Education & Police | 15 July 1936 | 19 Aug 1936 |
| <i>Willcock (ALP)</i> 1936 - 1945 | Frank Joseph Scott Wise | Minister for Education, Agriculture & Police | 20 Aug 1936 | 24 Mar 1937 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & Education | 24 Mar 1937 | 18 Apr 1939 |
| | | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 18 Apr 1939 | 31 July 1945 |
| <i>Wise (ALP)</i> 1945 - 1947 | Frank Joseph Scott Wise | Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 31 July 1945 | 3 Aug 1945 |
| | John Trezise Tonkin | Minister for Education, Agriculture & social Services | 3 Aug 1945 | 1 Apr 1947 |
| <i>McLarty (Lib)</i> 1947 - 1953 | Lindsay Thorn | Minister for Lands, Labour & Agriculture | 1 Apr 1947 | 5 Jan 1948 |
| | Garnet Barrington Wood, MLC. | Honorary Minister for Agriculture | 5 Jan 1948 | 6 Apr 1950 |
| | | Honorary Minister for Agriculture & North West | 6 Apr 1950 | 24 Oct 1950 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & North West | 24 Oct 1950 | 3 Jan 1952 |
| | Sir Charles George Latham, MLC | Minister for Agriculture | 3 Jan 1952 | 23 Feb 1953 |
| <i>Hawke (ALP)</i> 1953 - 1959 | Ernest Knight Hoar | Minister for Lands & Agriculture | 23 Feb 1953 | 17 Dec 1957 |
| | Lionel Francis Kelly | Minister for Lands & Agriculture & Fisheries | 19 Dec 1957 | 2 Apr 1959 |
| <i>Brand (Lib)</i> 1959 - 1971 | Crawford David Nalder | Minister for Agriculture | 2 April 1959 | 31 Jan 1962 |
| | | Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture | 1 Feb 1962 | 11 Apr 1962 |
| | | Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture & Electricity | 12 Apr 1962 | 3 Mar 1971 |
| <i>Tonkin (ALP)</i> 1971 - 1974 | Hywel Daniel Evans | Minister for Lands, Agriculture & Immigration | 3 Mar 1971 | 12 Oct 1971 |
| | | Minister for Lands, | 12 Oct 1971 | 7 Feb 1973 |

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| | | Agriculture, Immigration & Forests | | |
| | | Minister for Lands, Agriculture & Forests | 7 Feb 1973 | 8 April 1974 |
| Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982 | Walter Raymond McPharlin | Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture | 8 Apr 1974 | 20 May 1975 |
| | Richard Charles Old | Minister for Agriculture | 5 June 1975 | 25 Jan 1982 |
| O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983 | Richard Charles Old | Minister for Primary Industry, Agriculture , & Fisheries & Wildlife | 25 Jan 1982 | 23 Feb 1983 |
| Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988 | Hywel David Evans | Minister for Agriculture , & Fisheries & wildlife | 25 Feb 1983 | 26 Feb 1986 |
| | Julian Fletcher Grill | Minister for Agriculture. the South West, Fisheries, Transport & the North West | 26 Feb 1986 | 12 May 1986 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture. the South West & Fisheries | 12 May 1986 | 25 July 1986 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture. the South West, Fisheries, & the North West | 25 July 1986 | 25 Feb 1988 |
| Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990 | Julian Fletcher Grill | Minister for Agriculture. the South West & Fisheries | 25 Feb 1988 | 28 Feb 1989 |
| | Ernest Francis Bridge | Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources, and the North West | 28 Feb 1989 | 12 Feb 1990 |
| Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993 | Ernest Francis Bridge | Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources, and the North West | 19 Feb 1990 | 16 Feb 1993 |
| Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001 | Montague Grant House <i>(Name change from Agriculture to Primary Industries)</i> | Minister for Primary Industries & Fisheries | 16 Feb 1993 | 16 Feb 2001 |
| Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006 | Kimberley Maurice Chance | Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt & the Great Southern | 16 Feb 2001 | 21 Sept 2004 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt & the Great Southern | 21 Sept 2004 | 10 March 2005 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; the Mid-West and Wheatbelt | 10 March 2005 | 25 Jan 2006 |

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| Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008 | Kimberley Maurice Chance | Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern | 25 Jan 2006 | 23 Sept 2008 |
| Barnett (Lib) 2008 | Redman, Donald Terrance (Terry) - <i>Nationals</i> | Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education | 23 Sept 2008 | 14 Dec 2010 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; Corrective Services | 14 Dec 2010 | 29 June 2012 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry and Housing | 29 June 2012 | |

Abbreviations

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| ALP | Australian Labor Party |
| Govt | Government |
| Lib. | Liberal |
| Min. | Ministerialist |
| MLA | Member of the Legislative Assembly |
| MLC | Member of the Legislative Council |
| Nat. | Nationalist |
| Opp. | Oppositionist |

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