

Attorneys General of Western Australia

There have been 34 Attorneys General since 1890. Robert Thomas Robinson, Emil Nulsen & Joseph (Joe) Max Berinson have all served in three different Ministries. Cheryl Lynn Edwardes was the first woman Attorney General in Australia.

Ministry	Ministers Name	Ministerial Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901	Septimus Burt QC	Attorney General <i>succeeded by</i>	29 Dec 1890	27 Oct 1897
	Richard William Pennefather	Attorney General	27 Oct 1897	15 Feb 1901
Throssell (Forrest) 1901	Richard William Pennefather KC	Attorney General	15 Feb 1901	20 Mar 1901
	William Frederick Sayer	Attorney General	25 Mar 1901	27 May 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901	George Leake, KC	Premier & Attorney General	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
Morgans (Min) 1901	Frederick William Moorhead	Attorney General	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901 - 1902	George Leake, KC (CMG 1902)	Premier & Attorney General	23 Dec 1901	24 June 1902 (died)
James (Lib) 1902 - 1904	Walter Hartwell James	Premier & Attorney General	1 July 1902	10 Aug 1904
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Robert Hastie <i>(No Attorney General Title)</i>	Minister for Justice	10 Aug 1904	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Cornthwaite Hector Rason <i>(No Attorney General Title)</i>	Premier, Colonial Treasurer & Minister for Justice	25 August 1905	7 May 1906
Moore 1906 - 1909	Norbet Keenan	Attorney General	7 May 1906	14 May 1909
Moore (Min) 1909 - 1910	Newton James Moore <i>(No Attorney General Title)</i>	Premier, Minister for Lands & Justice	14 May 1909	30 June 1909
	John Leighton Nanson	Attorney General & Minister for Education	30 June 1909	16 Sept 1910
Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911	John Leighton Nanson	Attorney General & Minister for Education	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916	Thomas Walker	Attorney General & Minister for Education	7 Oct 1911	27 July 1916
Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Robert Thomas Robinson, KC	Attorney General & Minister for Mines	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Robert Thomas Robinson, KC	Attorney General & Minister for Industries, & Wood & Forests	28 June 1917	17 April 1919
Colebatch 1919	Robert Thomas Robinson, KC	Attorney General & Minister for Industries, & Wood & Forests	17 April 1919	17 May 1919

Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Thomas Percy Draper, KC, CBE	Attorney General	17 May 1919	12 March 1921
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	John Collings Willcock (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Railways & Justice	16 April 1924	23 April 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Thomas Arthur Lewis Davy, KC	Attorney General & Minister for Education	24 April 1930	18 Feb 1933
	Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, DSO	Attorney General & Minister for Education	22 Feb 1933	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	John Collings Willcock (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Justice, Railways & Education	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
		Minister for Justice & Railways	26 Mar 1935	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Frederick Charles Lee Smith (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Justice & Railways	27 Aug 1936	29 Mar 1939
	Emil Nulsen (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Justice & Railways	29 Mar 1939	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Emil Nulsen (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Justice & Railways	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
		Minister for Justice & Health	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Robert Ross McDonald, KC	Attorney General , Minister for Police & Native Affairs	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Arthur Valentine Rutherford Abbott	Attorney General & Minister for Health & Fisheries	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Attorney General & Minister for Prices & Fisheries	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
		Attorney General & Minister for Police & Fisheries	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Emil Nulsen (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Health & Justice	23 Feb 1953	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Arthur Frederick Watts, CMG	Deputy Premier, Minister for Education & Electricity & Attorney General	2 Apr 1959	31 Jan 1962
	Arthur Frederick Griffith, MLC (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Mines Housing & Justices & Leader of the Govt in the LC	1 Feb 1962	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Mines & Justices, & Leader of the Govt in the LC	16 Mar 1965	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Ronald Edward Bertram	Attorney General & Minister for Railways	3 Mar 1971	30 Sept 1971

	Thomas Daniel Evans	Minister for Education & Attorney General , Assisting the Treasurer	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for Education & Recreation, Attorney General , Assisting Treasurer	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
		Attorney General , Minister for Recreation & Assistant Treasurer	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Neil McNeill MLC (No Attorney General Title)	Minister for Justice, Leader of Government Legislative Council	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Justice, Chief Secretary & Leader of Government Legislative Council	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Ian George Medcalf, ED, QC, MLC	Attorney General & Minister for Federal Affairs	22 Dec 1975	5 Mar 1980
		Attorney General & Minister for Federal Affairs & Leader of Government Legislative Council	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Ian George Medcalf, ED, QC, MLC	Attorney General & Minister for Federal Affairs & Leader of Government Legislative Council	25 January 1982	30 December 1982
		Attorney General & Minister for Federal Affairs & Police & Leader of Government Legislative Council	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Inter-Government Relations & Defence Liaison	25 Feb 1983	19 Apr 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management & for Prisons	19 April 1983	31 May 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Inter-Govt Relations & Defence Liaison, Prisons	31 May 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management & Prisons	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management & Prisons & Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	26 Feb 1986	16 Mar 1987
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management & Corrective Services & Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management & Corrective Services & Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	12 Feb 1990

Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Corrective Services & Leader of Government Legislative Council	19 Feb 1990	30 Apr 1990
		Attorney General , Minister for Resources, Corrective Services & Leader of Government Legislative Council	30 Apr 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Attorney General , Minister for Corrective Services & Leader of Government Legislative Council	20 Dec 1990	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Cheryl Lynn Edwardes	Attorney General , Minister for Women's Interests & Parliamentary Electoral Affairs	16 Feb 1993	21 Dec 1995
		Attorney General , Minister for Justice, the Environment, the Arts & Fair Trading	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Justice & the Arts	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Attorney General & Minister for Justice	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	James Andrew McGinty	Attorney General & Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Electoral Affairs, Peel & the South West	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
		Attorney General & Minister for Health & Electoral Affairs	27 June 2003	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	James Andrew McGinty	Attorney General & Minister for Health & Electoral Affairs	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008	Charles Christian (Christian) Porter	Attorney General ; Minister for Corrective Services	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Attorney General ; Minister for Corrective Services	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Treasurer; Attorney General	14 Dec 2010	12 June 2012
	Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Attorney General (Temporary) ; Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries and Electoral Affairs	12 June 2012	28 June 2012
	Michael Mischin, MLC	Attorney General	28 June 2012	

Abbreviations

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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