

Western Australian Education Ministers

An Education Ministry was first established in the Forrest Government, the first Ministry after Responsible Government was achieved in 1890. Since then there have been 43 Ministers for Education. Hal Pateshall Colebatch was Minister for Education in 4 separate Governments from 1916 - 1924.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901	Edward Horne Wittenoom MLC	Minister for Mines & Education	19 Dec 1894	12 May 1897
	Henry Bruce Lefroy	Minister for Education Colonial Secretary & Minister for Education.	12 May 1897 28 April 1898	28 April 1898 15 Feb 1901
Throssell (Forrest) 1901	George Randell, MLC	Colonial Secretary & Minister for Education.	15 Feb 1901	27 May 1901
<i>No Minister for Education in the Leake (1901), Morgan (1901) & Leake (1901 - 1902) Governments</i>				
James (Lib) 1902 - 1904	Walter Kingsmill, MLC	Colonial Secretary & Minister for Education.	01 July 1902	10 Aug 1904
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Henry Daglish	Premier & Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Education	10 Aug 1904	07 June 1905
	Thomas Henry Bath	Minister for Lands & Education	07 June 1905	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Walter Kingsmill, MLC	Colonial Secretary & Minister for Education	25 August 1905	07 May 1906
Moore (Min) 1906 - 1909	Frank Wilson	Colonial Treasure, Minister for Agriculture & Education	07 May 1906	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	07 Oct 1911
Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916	Thomas Walker	Attorney General & Minister for Education	07 Oct 1911	27 July 1916
Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Attorney General & Minister for Education	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Attorney General & Minister for Education	28 June 1917	17 April 1919
Colebatch (Nat) 1919	Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Minister for Railways & Education	17 April 1919	17 May 1919

Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Minister for Public Health, Education , Agriculture & North West	17 May 1919	03 April 1921
		Minister for Education , North West & Justice	03 April 1921	17 June 1923
	John Ewing, MLC <i>Succeeded Colebatch</i>	Minister for Education , North West & Justice	18 June 1923	15 April 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	John Michael Drew, MLC	Chief Education, Minister for Education , Health & the North West	16 April 1924	30 April 1927
		Chief Secretary & Minister for Education	30 April 1927	23 April 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Norbert Keenan, KC	Chief Secretary & Minister for Education	24 April 1930	21 Sept 1931
	Thomas Arthur Lewis Davy, KC	Attorney General & Minister for Education	24 Oct 1931	18 Feb 1933
	Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, DSO	Attorney General & Minister for Education	22 Feb 1933	24 April 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	John Collings Willcock	Minister for Justice, Railways & Education	24 April 1933	26 March 1935
	Harold Millington	Minister for Water Supplies, Education & Police	26 Mar 1935	15 July 1936
	Frank Joseph Scott Wise	Minister for Agriculture, Education & Police	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Frank Joseph Scott Wise	Minister for Education , Agriculture & Police	20 Aug 1936	24 March 1937
		Minister for Agriculture & Education	24 March 1937	18 April 1939
	William Henry Kitson	Chief Secretary & Minister for Education	18 April 1939	09 Dec 1943
	John Trezise Tonkin	Minister for Education & Social Services	09 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 1947	John Trezise Tonkin	Minister for Education & Social Services	31 July 1945	03 Aug 1945
		Minister for Education , Agriculture & Social Services	03 August 1945	01 April 1947
McLarty (Nat) 1947 - 1953	Arthur Frederick Watts, CMG	Minister for Education , Local Government & Industrial Development	01 April 1947	07 Oct 1949
		Minister for Education , Industrial Development & Housing	07 Oct 1949	06 April 1950
		Minister for Education, Child Welfare & Industrial Development	06 April 1950	23 Feb 1953

Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	John Trezise Tonkin	Minister for Education , Works, & Water Supplied	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
	William Hegney	Minister for Education , Native Welfare & Labour	13 May 1954	20 April 1956
		Minister for Education & Labour	20 April 1956	02 April 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Arthur Frederick Watts, CMG	Deputy Premier, Minister for Education & Electricity & Attorney General	02 April 1959	31 Jan1962
	Edgar Henry Mead Lewis	Minister for Education & Electricity	01 February 1962	11 April 1962
		Minister for Education & Native Welfare	12 April 1962	03 March 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	John Trezise Tonkin	Premier & Minister for Education , Environmental Protection & Cultural Affairs	03 March 1971	12 Oct1971
	Thomas Daniel Evans	Minister for Education & Attorney General	12 October 1971	06 July 1972
		Minister for Education & Recreation , Attorney General, Assistant to the Treasurer	06 July 1972	30 May 1973
	John Dolan, MLC	Minister for Education , Transport & Railways & Leader of Government Legislative Council	30 May 1973	08 April 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs & Recreation	08 April 1974	10 March 1977
	Peter Vernon Jones	Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs & Recreation	10 March 1977	05 March 1980
	William Leonard Grayden	Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs & Recreation	05 March 1980	25 January 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Andrew Mensaros	Minister for Works, Water Resources & Education	25 January 1982	14 May 1982
	James George Clarko (Honorary Minister)	Minister assisting the Minister in the portfolio of Education	25 January 1982	14 May 1982
		Minister for Education	14 May 1982	25 Feb1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Robert John Pearce	Minister for Education	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Education & Planning	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Education & Planning & Leader of House in Legislative Assembly	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Minister for Education & Planning, Police & Emergency	12 May 1986	25 July 1986

Services & Leader of House in
Legislative Assembly

Minister for Education & Planning & Leader of House in Legislative Assembly 25 July 1986 16 March 1987

Minister for Education & Planning, Intergovernmental Regulation & Leader of House in Legislative Assembly 16 March 1987 25 Feb 1988

Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990 Carmen Mary Lawrence **Minister for Education** 25 Feb 1988 28 Feb 1989

Minister for Education & Aboriginal Affairs 28 Feb 1989 12 Feb 1990

Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993 Carmen Mary Lawrence Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, Women's Interests, **Education**, & Aboriginal Affairs 12 Feb 1990 19 Feb 1990

Geoffrey Ian Gallop **Minister for Education, & Parliamentary & Electoral Reform** 19 Feb 1990 20 Dec 1990

Minister for Education, & Parliamentary & Electoral Reform & Minister assisting the Treasurer 20 Dec 1990 05 Feb 1991

Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC **Minister for Education, Employment & Training, the Arts** 05 Feb 1991 07 Sept 1992

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Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001 Norman Frederick Moore **Minister for Education, Employment & Training & Assisting Minister for Commerce & Trade** 16 Feb 1993 25 Aug 1993

Minister for Education, Employment & Training & Sport & Recreation & Assisting Minister for Commerce & Trade 25 Aug 1993 10 Feb 1995

Minister for Education, Employment & Training & Sport & Recreation & Parliamentary & Electoral Affair 10 Feb 1995 21 Dec 1995

Colin James Barnett Minister for Resources Development, Energy, **Education** & Leader of House in Legislative Assembly 21 Dec 1995 16 Feb 2001

Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006 Alan John Carpenter **Minister for Education, Sport & Recreation, & Indigenous Affairs** 16 Feb 2001 27 June 2003

Minister for Education & Training 27 June 2003 10 March 2005

Ljiljana Ravlich **Minister for Education & Training** 10 March 2005 25 Jan 2006

Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Ljiljana Ravlich	Minister for Education & Training	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
	Mark McGowan	Minister for Education & Training; South West	13 Dec 2006	26 Feb 2007
		Minister for Education & Training; South West; the Environment; Climate Change; Disability Services	26 Feb 2007	2 March 2007
		Minister for Education & Training; South West	2 March 2007	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008	Dr Elizabeth Constable (Independent)	Minister for Education; Tourism; Women's Interests	23 Sept 2008	13 Jan 2009
		Minister for Education; Early Childhood Development; Tourism;	13 Jan 2009	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Education and Tourism	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Education	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
	Peter Charles Collier, MLC	Minister for Education; Energy; Indigenous Affairs	29 June 2012	

Abbreviations

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

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