

Aboriginal / Indigenous Affairs Ministers of Western Australia

There have been 22 Ministers in 10 different Governments responsible for Indigenous Affairs since the introduction of a Native Affairs portfolio in the McLarty Liberal Government in 1947.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Robert Ross McDonald, KC	Attorney General, Minister for Police & Native Affairs	1 April 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Minister for House, Forests, & Native Welfare	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
	Hurbert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLC	Chief Secretary & Minister for Mines, Police & Native Affairs	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
	Victor Doney	Chief Secretary & Minister for Local Government & Native Affairs	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	William Hegney	Minster for Native Welfare, Labour & Prices	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Minister for Education, Native Welfare & Labour	13 May 1954	20 April 1956
	John Joseph Brady	Minister for Native Welfare & Police	20 April 1956	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Charles Collier Perkins	Minister for Transport, Police, Labour & Native Welfare	2 Apr 1959	16 Nov 1961
	George Meredith Cornell	Minister for Transport, Police & Native Welfare	16 Nov 1961	11 April 1962
	Edgar Henry Mead Lewis	Minister for Education & Native Welfare	12 April 1962	3 March 1971
No Minister specifically responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. Minister for Community Welfare provided support for Aboriginal issues in the Tonkin (ALP 1971 - 1974), Court (Lib 1974 - 1982) & O'Connor (Lib 1982 - 1983) Governments				
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Keith James Wilson	Minister for Housing, Youth & Community Services with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs & Minister for Sport & Recreation	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Housing, Youth Affairs, the Aged, Community Services, Sport & Recreation & with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Housing, Sport & Recreation, Community Affairs & Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 July 1986
	Ernest Francis Bridge	Minister for Water Resources, the North West & Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Ernest Francis Bridge	Minister for Water Resources, the North West & Aboriginal Affairs & Small Business	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Carmen Mary Lawrence	Minister for Education & Aboriginal	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990

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Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Carmen Mary Lawrence	Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, the Family, Aboriginal Affairs & Women's Interests	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Pamela Ann Buchanan	Minister for Works, Services, Regional development & Minister assisting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Judyth Watson	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs , Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs & assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	5 Feb 1991	26 Feb 1991
		Minister for Aboriginal Affairs , Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs, Seniors & assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	27 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Kevin John Minson	Minister for Environment, Aboriginal Affairs , Disability Services & assisting the Minister for Fisheries	16 Feb 1993	25 Jan 1994
	Anthony Kevin Royston Prince	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Housing	25 Jan 1994	21 Dec 1995
		Minister for Health & Aboriginal Affairs	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Kim Desmond Hames	Minister for Housing, Aboriginal Affairs & Water Resources	9 Jan 1997	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Alan John Carpenter	Minister for Education (& Training from 14 Jan 2003); Sport & Recreation; & Indigenous Affairs	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	John Charles Kobelke	Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	27 June 2003	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	John Charles Kobelke	Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources from 10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Sheila Margaret McHale	Minister for Indigenous Affairs ; Tourism; Culture and the Arts	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2007
		Minister for Housing & Works; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs ; Land Information	13 Dec 2007	2 March 2007
	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs ; Heritage; Land Information	2 March 2007	25 Feb 2008
	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	Minister for Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs ; Heritage; Land	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008

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Barnett (Lib) 2008	Dr Kim Desmond Hames	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Peter Charles Collier, MLC	Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
		Minister for Education, Energy and Indigenous Affairs	29 June 2012	21 March 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013	Hon Peter Charles Collier MLC	Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs ; Electoral Affairs	21 March 2013	

Abbreviations

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

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