

Deputy Premiers of Western Australia

The position of Deputy Premier was first introduced in the Hawke Labour Government in 1955. The first recognised Deputy Premier was John Trezise Tonkin, since then there have been 15 Deputy Premiers in 12 different Governments. The role of the Deputy Premier is to deputise for the Premier when he/she is away or unable to attend an event. The Deputy Premiers position is recognised in the Salaries & Allowance Tribunal determinations.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	John Trezise Tonkin	Deputy Premier , Minister for Works & Water Supplied	07 Dec 1955	2 April 1959
	Gerald Walter Watts, CMG	Deputy Premier , Minister for Education & Electricity & Attorney General	2 April 1959	31 Jan 1962
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Crawford David Nalder	Deputy Premier , & Minister for Agriculture	1 Feb 1962	12 April 1962
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for Agriculture & Electricity	12 April 1962	3 March 1971
	Herbert Ernst Graham	Deputy Premier & Minister for Industrial development, & Decentralisation & Town Planning	3 March 1971	12 Oct 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974		Deputy Premier & Minister for Development & Decentralisation, Town Planning & the North-West	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Development & Decentralisation, & the North-West	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
	Alexander Donald Taylor	Deputy Premier & Minister for Development & Decentralisation	30 May 1973	8 April 1974
	Walter Raymond McPharlin	Deputy Premier , Minister for Agriculture	8 April 1974	20 May 1975
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Desmond Henry O'Neil (Kt, 1980)	Deputy Premier , Minister for Works, Water Supplies & the North-West	5 June 1975	10 March 1977
		Deputy Premier , Chief Secretary, Minister for Police & Traffic, & Minister for Regional Administration & the North-West	10 March 1977	5 March 1980
	Raymond James O'Connor	Deputy Premier , Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Regional Administration & the North-Wet & Tourism	5 March 1980	12 Feb 1981
	Deputy Premier , Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Immigration	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982	

O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Edgar Cyril Rushton	Deputy Premier , Minister for Transport & Emergency Services	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Malcolm John Bryce	Deputy Premier & Minister for Economic Development & Technology	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Industrial Development, Technology & Defence Liaison	23 Dec 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Industrial Development Small Business Technology, Communications & Defence Liaison	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Industry & Technology, Small Business, Defence Liaison, Communications & Parliamentary & Electoral Reform	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Industry & Technology, Defence Liaison, Communications & Parliamentary & Electoral Reform	12 May 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	David Charles Parker	Deputy Premier , & Minister for Economic Development & Trade	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Resources Development & the Arts	28 Feb 1989	13 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Ian Frederick Taylor	Deputy Premier , Minister for Police & Emergency Services & conservation & Land Management	13 Feb 1990	19 Feb 1990
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for Finance & Economic Development & Goldfields	19 Feb 1990	30 April 1990
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for Finance & Economic Development, Trade & Goldfields	30 April 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for State Development, Goldfields & Mid-West	20 Dec 1990	7 Sept 1992
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for Health, State Development & Goldfields	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hendy John Cowan	Deputy Premier , & Minister for Commerce & Trade	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Deputy Premier , & Minister for Commerce & Trade, Regional Development & Small Business	10 Feb 1995	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Eric Stephen Ripper	Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Energy	16 Feb 2001	10 March 2005

		Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	10 March 2005	25 th Jan 2007
Carpenter (ALP) 2006- 2008	Eric Stephen Ripper	Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Deputy Premier ; Treasurer; Minister for State Development	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008
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
		Deputy Premier ; Minister for Health; Tourism	14 Dec 2010	21 March 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013	Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames	Deputy Premier ; Minister for Health; Tourism	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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