

Labour Ministry of Western Australia

The first Labour Ministry was established in the Daghish Government in 1904. Since then there have been 24 Ministers for Labour in 16 different Governments. The Rason, Wilson, Scaddon, Colebatch, Mitchell Governments had no Minister for Labour

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
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Daghish (ALP) 1904 – 1905	Robert Hastie	Minister for Labour	7 June 1905	25 August 1905
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No Minister of Labour in the Rason (Lib1905 - 1906,) Government

Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910	James Daniel Connolly, MLC	Colonial Secretary, & Minister for Commerce & Labour	7 May 1906	16 Sept 1910
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There was no Labour Minister in the Wilson (1910 - 1911), Scaddon (1911 - 1916), Wilson (1916 - 1917), Lefroy (1917 - 1919), Colebatch (1919) & Mitchell (1919 -1924) Governments

Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Alexander McCallum	Minister for Labour , Public Works, Metropolitan Water Supply (Water Supply until 15 Dec 1927) & State trading concerns	16 April 1924	23 rd April 1930
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No Minister of Labour in the Mitchell (Nat, 1930 - 1933)

Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Alexander McCallum	Minister for Public Works, Labour , & Water Supply	24 April 1933	16 March 1935
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Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Albert Redvers George Hawke	Minister for Employment & Labour	20 Aug 1936	18 April 1939
		Minister for Labour & Industrial Development	18 April 1939	9 Dec 1943

Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Alexander Hugh Panton	Minister for Lands & Labour	3 Aug 1945	1 April 1947
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McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953	Lindsay Thorn	Minister for Lands, Labour & Agriculture	1 April 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Minister for Lands & Labour	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Minister for Lands, Labour & Immigration	7 Oct 1949	23 Feb 1953

Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	William Hegney	Minister for Native Welfare, Labour , & Prices	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Minister for Education, Native Welfare & Labour	13 May 1954	20 April 1956

		Minister for Education & Labour	20 April 1956	2 April 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Charles Collier Perkins	Minister for Transport, Police, Labour & Native Welfare	2 April 1959	7 Nov 1961
	William Stewart Bovell	Minister for Lands, Forests, Labour & Immigration	16 Nov 1961	11 April 1962
	Gerald Percy Wild, MBE	Minister for Works, Water Supplies & Labour	12 April 1962	16 March 1965
	Desmond Henry O'Neil	Minister for Housing & Labour	16 March 1965	3 March 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Alexander Donald Taylor	Minister for Housing & Labour	3 March 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Labour , Prices Control, Consumer Protection, & Tourism	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Labour , Immigration, Prices Control, Consumer Protection, & Tourism	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
	John Joseph Harman	Minister for Labour , Immigration, Prices Control & Consumer Protection	30 May 1973	8 April 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	William Leonard Grayden	Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, & Tourism	8 April 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Immigration	5 June 1975	21 July 1978
	Raymond James O'Connor	Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Fisheries & Wildlife, & Conservation & the Environment, Deputy Premier	25 Aug 1978	5 March 1980
		Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Regional Administration & the North-West, & 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	Gordon Edgar Masters, MLC	Minister for Labour & Industry & Immigration	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Desmond Keith Dans, MLC	Minister for Industrial Relations & Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Minister for Industrial Relation and Administrative Services, and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	23 Dec 1983	20 Dec 1984
	Peter M'Callum Dowding	Minister for Planning, Employment & Training, and Consumer Affairs	20 Dec 1984	25 Feb 1986
		Minister for Employment & Training &	25 Feb 1986	29 Oct 1986

Industrial RelationsMinister for Employment & Training,
Industrial Relations & Minister
Assisting the Minister for Public Sector
Management

29 Oct 1986

16 March 1987

Minister for Works & Services, **Labour**,
Productivity & Employment, Minister
assisting the Treasurer, & Minister
assisting the Minister for Public Sector
Management

16 March 1987

25 Feb 1988

Dowding (ALP)
1988 - 1990

Gavan John Troy

Minister for Labour , Works &
Services & Minister assisting the
Minister for Productivity & Public Sector
Management

25 Feb 1988

28 Feb 1989

Minister for Labour, Employment &
Training, Productivity, & Minister
assisting the Minister for Education &
TAFE

28 Feb 1989

19 Feb 1990

Lawrence (ALP)
1990 - 1993

Gavan John Troy

Minister for Productivity & **Labour**
Relations, Minister assisting the
Minister for Education with TAFE &
Minister assisting the Minister for Public
Sector Management

19 Feb 1990

5 Feb 1991

Yvonne Daphne Henderson

Minister for Productivity & **Labour**
Relations, & Consumer Affairs

5 Feb 1991

16 Feb 1993

Court (Lib)
1993 - 2001

Graham Donald Kierath

Minister for Labour Relations, Works,
Services & Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs

16 Feb 1993

10 Feb 1995

Minister for Health & **Labour Relations**

10 Feb 1995

21 Dec 1995

Minister for **Labour Relations** &
Housing

21 Dec 1995

26 April 1996

Minister for Labour Relations
Housing & Lands

26 April 1996

9 Jan 1997

Minister for Labour Relations,
Planning & Heritage

9 Jan 1997

28 July 1998

Cheryl Lynn Edwards

Minister for Environment & **Labour**
Relations

28 July 1998

22 Dec 1999

Gallop (ALP)
2001 - 2006

John Charles Kobelke

Minister for Labour Relations,
Consumer Affairs, Employment &
Training, & Leader of Government in
Legislative Assembly

16 Feb 2001

1 July 2001

*Department name change
from Labour Relations to
Employment Protection*Minister for Consumer Affairs &
Employment Protection; Training &
Leader of Government in Legislative
Assembly

1 July 2001

14 Jan 2003

Minister for Consumer and Employment
Protection

14 Jan 2003

27 June 1003

Minister for Consumer Affairs &
Employment Protection; Indigenous

27 June 2003

10 March 2005

Affairs; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management

Minister for Consumer and **Employment Protection**; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources

10 March 2005 3 Feb 2006

Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	John Bowler	Minister for Resources & Assisting Minister State Development; Employment Protection ; Goldfields-Esperance: Great Southern	5 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Local Government; Employment Protection ; Racing and Gaming; Goldfields-Esperance; Great Southern from	13 Dec 2006	2 March 2007
	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	Minister for Employment Protection ; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information from	2 March 2007	25 Feb 2008
	Jon Ford	Minister for Employment Protection	25 Feb 2008	23 Sep 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008	Troy Raymond Buswell	Treasurer; Minister for Commerce ; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works <i>(No separate Minister for Labour, responsibility is with the Minister for Commerce)</i>	23 Sept 2008	27 April 2010
	William (Bill) Richard Marmion	Minister for Commerce ; Science and Innovation; Housing <i>(No separate Minister for Labour, responsibility is with the Minister for Commerce)</i>	28 April 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Simon O'Brian, MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce ; Small Business <i>(No separate Minister for Labour, responsibility is with the Minister for Commerce)</i>	14 Dec 2010	21 March 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013	Hon Michael Mischin MLC	Attorney General; Minister for Commerce <i>(No separate Minister for Labour, responsibility is with the Minister for Commerce)</i>	21 March 2013	

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

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