

Child, Family & Community Services Ministry of Western Australia

The first Minister for Child Welfare was James Joseph Kenneally in the Collier Labor Government in 1933. Since then there have been 21 Ministers responsible for Child, Family & Community Welfare in 13 different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	James Joseph Kenneally	Minister for Employment, Child Welfare , Industrial Development	24 April 1933	26 March 1936

No Separate Ministry for Child Welfare in the Willcock Government (1936 - 1945) & Wise Government (1945 - 1947)

McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Arthur Frederick Watts, CMG ¹	Minister for Education, Child Welfare & Industrial Development	6 April 1950	23 Feb 1953
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Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Albert Redvers George Hawke	Premier, Treasurer & Minister for Child Welfare & Industrial Development	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Premier, Treasurer & Minister for Child Welfare	13 May 1954	19 Dec 1957
		Premier, Treasurer & Minister for Child Welfare & Industrial Development	19 Dec 1957	13 Nov 1958
		Premier, Treasurer & Minister for Child Welfare	13 Nov 1958	2 April 1959

Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Leslie Arthur Logan, MLC	Chief Secretary, Minister for Local Government, Town Planning & Child Welfare	2 April 1959	3 March 1971
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Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	William Francis Willesee, MLC	Minister for Community Welfare & Leader of Government in Legislative Council	3 March 1971	7 Feb 1973
	Ronald Thompson, MLC	Minister for Community Welfare	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
		Minister for Police, Community Welfare & Tourism	30 May 1973	8 April 1974

Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Norman Eric Baxter, MLC	Minister for Health & Community Welfare	8 April 1974	20 May 1975
		Minister for Health & Community Welfare	5 June 1975	10 March 1977
	Keith Alan Ridge	Minister for Health & Community Welfare	10 March 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Raymond Laurence Young	Minister for Health & Community Welfare	25 Aug 1978	5 March 1980

	William Ralph Boucher Hassell	Chief Secretary, Minister for Police & Traffic, & Community Welfare	5 March 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Raymond Laurence Young	Minister for Health, Community Welfare , Housing & Consumer Affairs	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
	Richard Steele Shalders	Minister for Community Welfare , Housing & Consumer Affairs	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Keith James Wilson, MLA	Minister for Housing, Youth and Community Services with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Sport and Recreation	25 Feb 1983	12 May 1986
	Elsie Kay Hallahan	Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, Multicultural & Ethic Affairs, & Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, & Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues, & Leader of the Government in Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	David Lawrence Smith	Minister for Community Services , Justice & the South West	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	David Lawrence Smith	Minister for Community Services , Justice & the South West	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Eric Stephen Ripper	Minister for Community Services	5 Feb 1991	20 Aug 1991
		Minister for Community Services & Disability Services	20 Aug 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for the Family, Community Development , Youth Justice, & Disability Services & Leader of the House in LA (from 26 Oct 1992)	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Roger Keith Nicholls	Minister for Community Development , The Family & Seniors	16 Feb 1993	29 June 1995
	<i>Department name change to Family & Children's Services</i>	Minister for Family & Children's Services , Youth & Seniors	29 June 1995	21 Dec 1995

	Cheryl Lynn Edwardes	Minister for Family & Children's Services , Youth, Seniors, Fair Trading and Women's Interests	21 Dec 1995	09 Jan 1997
	Rhonda Kathleen Parker	Minister for Family & Children's Services , Seniors and Women's Interests	09 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
	June Dorothy van de Klashorst	Minister for Family & Children's Services , Seniors, & Women's Interests	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Sheila Margaret McHale	Minister for Community Development ; Disability Services; Culture & the Arts	16 Feb 2001	6 March 2001
		Minister for Community Development ; Women's Interests; Seniors & Youth; Disability Services; Culture & the Arts	6 March 2001	10 March 2005
		Minister for Community Development ; Cultural & the Arts; Women's Interests	10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Sheila Margaret McHale	Minister for Community Development ; Cultural & the Arts; Women's Interests	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	David Alan Templeman	Minister for Community Development ; Seniors & Volunteering; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2006
	David Alan Templeman	Minister for Child Protection; Communities ; Seniors and Volunteering; Peel	13 Dec 2006	2 March 2007
	Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery	Minister for Child Protection; Communities ; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering	2 March 2007	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008	Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Community Services ; Seniors & Volunteering	23 Sept 2008	13 Jan 2009
	Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Community Services ; Seniors & Volunteering; Women's Interests	13 Jan 2009	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Child Protection; Community Services ; Seniors & Volunteering; Women's Interests	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Child Protection; Community Services ; Seniors; Volunteering; Women's Interests & Youth.	14 Dec 2010	21 March 2013

Barnett (Lib) 2013	Hon Anthony James Simpson	Minister for Local Government; Community Services ; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth	21 March 2013
	Hon Helen Margaret Morton MLC	Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection	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

Source:

1. *The Western Australian Parliamentary Handbook edited by David Black (21st ed. Revised) 2005*
2. *Western Australian Government Gazette, No 28, 3 February 2006*
3. *Parliament of Western Australia website 2007 - <http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au>*
4. *Western Australian Government Gazette, No. 163, 23 September 2008*
5. *Acts with Administering Portfolios and Public Sector Agencies Updated 7 Oct 2008. - [http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/pco/prod/filestore.nsf/Documents/LIDocument:61P/\\$FILE/Table13.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/pco/prod/filestore.nsf/Documents/LIDocument:61P/$FILE/Table13.pdf?OpenElement)*