

### Railways & Transports Ministry of Western Australia

The first Ministry for Railways was in the Forrest Government in 1890 the first Government after Responsible Government was obtained in 1890. The Ministry was expanded to include Transport in the Wise Labor Government 1945 and then the two portfolios were amalgamated in Sir Charles Court's Liberal Government in 1974 - 1982. In 1993 during Richard Court's Liberal Government the State Rail Freight service was sold. The public railway service Westrail and Metro-bus remain the responsibility of the Department of Transport. In Geoff Gallop's Labor Government the Transport portfolio was absorbed into the Department of Planning & Infrastructure becoming the responsibility of Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan. A separate Transport Ministry was again established in the 2008 Barnett Liberal Government which has responsibility of Railways.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
<b>Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901</b>	Harry Whittall Venn	<b>Commissioner of Railways &amp; Director of Public Works</b>	29 Dec 1890	10 March 1896
	Frederick Henry Piesse	<b>Commissioner of Railways &amp; Director of Public Works</b>	1 April 1896	23 Aug 1900
	Barrington Clarke Wood	<b>Commissioner of Railways &amp; Director of Public Works</b>	10 Sept 1900	15 Feb 1901
<b>Throssell (Forrest) 1901</b>	Barrington Clarke Wood	<b>Commissioner of Railways &amp; Director of Public Works</b>	15 Feb 1901	27 May 1901
<b>Leake (Opp) 1901</b>	Joseph John Holmes	<b>Commissioner of Railways</b>	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
<b>Morgans (Min) 1901</b>	Frank Wilson	<b>Commissioner of Railways &amp; Minister for Mines</b>	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
<b>Leake (Opp) 1901 - 1902</b>	Walter Kingsmill	<b>Commissioner of Railways</b>	23 Dec 1901	1 July 1902
<b>James (Lib) 1902 - 1904</b>	Corthwaite Hector Rason	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Railways</b>	1 July 1902	28 April 1904
<b>Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905</b>	John Barkell Holman	<b>Minister for Railways &amp; Labour</b>	10 Aug 1904	7 June 1905
	William Dartnell Johnson	<b>Minister for Mines &amp; Railways</b>	7 June 1905	25 August 1905
<b>Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906</b>	Henry Gregory	<b>Minister for Mines &amp; Railways</b>	25 August 1905	7 May 1906
<b>Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910</b>	Henry Gregory	<b>Minister for Mines &amp; Railways</b>	7 May 1906	16 Sept 1910
<b>Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911</b>	Henry Gregory	<b>Minister for Mines &amp; Railways</b>	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
<b>Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916</b>	Philip Collier	<b>Premier, Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Railways</b>	7 Oct 1911	23 Nov 1914
	John Scaddan	<b>Minister for Railways</b>	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916

<b>Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917</b>	James Mitchell	<b>Minister for Railways</b> , Water Supply & Industries	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
<b>Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919</b>	John Scaddan	Minister for Mines & <b>Railways</b>	28 June 1917	27 July 1917
	Charles Arthur Hudson	Minister for Mines & <b>Railways</b>	27 July 1917	17 April 1919
<b>Colebatch (Lib) 1919</b>	Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	Premier, Colonial Treasurer, <b>Minister for Railways</b> & Minister for Education	17 April 1919	17May 1919
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1919 -1924</b>	John Scaddan	Colonial Secretary & <b>Minister for Railways</b>	17 May 1919	25 June 1919
		Minister for Mines, <b>Railways</b> , Police, Industries & Forests	25 June 1919	22 Mar 1924
<b>Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930</b>	John Collings Willcock	<b>Minister for Railways</b> & Justice	16 April 1924	23 April 1930
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933</b>	John Scaddan, CMG	<b>Minister for Railways</b> , Mines, Police, Forests & Industry	24 April 1930	24 April 1933
<b>Collier(ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	John Collings Willcock	Minister for Justice, <b>Railways</b> & Education	24 April 1933	26 March 1935
		Minister for Justice & <b>Railways</b>	26 March 1935	19 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>	Frederick Charles Lee Smith	Minister for Justice & <b>Railways</b>	20 Aug 1936	29 March 1939
	Emil Nulsen	Minister for Justice & <b>Railways</b>	29 March 1939	31 July 1945
<b>Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947</b>	Emil Nulsen	Minister for Justice & <b>Railways</b>	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
	William Mortimer Marshall	Minister for Mines, <b>Railways</b> & <b>Transport</b>	3 Aug 1945	1 April 1947
<b>McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953</b>	Harry Stephen Seward	<b>Minister for , Railways</b> & Transport	1 April 1947	6 April 1950
	Charles Herbert Simpson, MLC	<b>Minister for Transport, Railways</b> & Mines	6 April 1950	23 Feb 1953
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>	Herbert Henry Styants	<b>Minister for Railway, Transport</b> & Police	23 Feb 1953	14 April 1956
	Harry Charles Strickland	<b>Minister for Railways</b> , North-West & Supply & Shipping	20 April 1956	13 Nov 1958
		Leader of Govt in LC, <b>Minister for Railways</b> , the North-West & Supply & shipping	13 Nov 1958	2 April 1959
	Herbert Ernst Graham (Separated Transport from Railways)	<b>Minister for Transport</b> , Housing, & Forests	20 April 1956	2 April 1959

<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Charles Walter Michael Court, OBE	Minster for Industrial Development, <b>Railways &amp; the North West</b>	2 April 1959	16 March 1965
		Minster for Industrial Development, <b>Transport, Railways &amp; the North West</b>	16 March 1965	17 Aug 1965
		Minster for Industrial Development, <b>Railways &amp; the North West</b>	17 Aug 1965	16 Feb 1967
	Raymond James O'Connor ( <i>Honorary Minister for Railways &amp; Transport 16 Feb 1956 - 17 Aug 1965</i> )	<b>Minister for Transport &amp; Railways</b>	16 Feb 1967	3 March 1971
<b>Minister for Transport</b>	Charles Collier Perkins	<b>Minister for Transport, Police Labour &amp; Native Welfare</b>	2 April 1959	7 Nov 1961
	George Meredith Cornell	<b>Minister for Transport, Police &amp; Native Welfare</b>	7 Nov 1961	11 April 1962
	James Frederick Craig	<b>Minister for Transport, Police</b>	12 April 1962	16 March 1965
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Ronald Edward Bertram	Attorney General & Minister for <b>Railways</b>	3 March 1971	30 Sept 1971
	John Dolan, MLC	Minister for Police <b>Transport &amp; Railways</b>	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Police <b>Transport &amp; Railways</b> & Leader of the Govt in LC	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
		Minister for Education <b>Transport &amp; Railways</b> & Leader of the Govt in LC	30 May 1973	8 April 1974
<b>The Ministry for Railways was merged into the Department of Transport in the Court Liberal Government of 1974. Since then there has been no separate Minister for Railways. See <i>Minister for Transport</i>.</b>				

### 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
Opp	Opposition

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