

### Works Ministry of Western Australia

The first Works Ministry was established in the Forrest Government in 1890 as the Director of Public Work, changing to the Minister for Works in 1901 in the Leake Oppositionist Government. Since then there have been 38 Ministers for Works in 33 Governments. William James George was responsible for the Works Ministry in 4 different governments spanning a period of 3 years.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
<b>Forrest (Forrest)</b> 1890 - 1901	Harry Whittall Venn	Commissioner of Railway & Director of <b>Public Works</b>	29 Dec 1890	10 March 1896
	Frederick Henry Piesse	Commissioner of Railway & Director of <b>Public Works</b>	10 March 1896	23 Aug 1900
	Barrington Clarke Wood	Commissioner of Railway & Director of <b>Public Works</b>	23 Aug 1900	15 Feb 1901
<b>Throssell (Forrest)</b> 1901	Barrington Clarke Wood	Commissioner of Railway & Director of <b>Public Works</b>	15 Feb 1901	27 May 1901
<b>Leake (Opp)</b> 1901	Walter Kingsmill	<b>Minister for Works</b>	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
<b>Morgans (Min)</b> 1901	Timothy Francis Quinlan	<b>Minister for Works</b>	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
<b>Leake (Opp)</b> 1901 - 1902	Cornthwaite Hector Rason	<b>Minister for Works</b>	23 Dec 1901	1 July 1902
<b>James (Lib)</b> 1902 - 1904	Cornthwaite Hector Rason	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Railways</b>	1 July 1902	28 April 1904
	John Leighton Nanson	<b>Minister for Works</b>	28 April 1904	10 Aug 1904
<b>Daglish (ALP)</b> 1904 - 1905	William Dartnell Johnson	<b>Minister for Works</b>	10 Aug 1904	7 June 1905
	Patrick Joseph Lynch	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 June 1905	4 Aug 1905
<b>Rason (Lib)</b> 1905 - 1906	Frank Wilson	<b>Minister for Works</b>	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
<b>Moore (Min)</b> 1906 - 1910	James Price	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 May 1906	30 June 1909
	Frank Wilson	<b>Minister for Works</b>	30 June 1909	16 Sept 1910
<b>Wilson (Lib)</b> 1910 - 1911	Henry Daglish	<b>Minister for Works</b>	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
<b>Scaddan (ALP)</b> 1911 - 1916	William Dartnell Johnson	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 Oct 1911	16 Jan 1913
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water</b>	16 Jan 1913	23 Nov 1914
	William Charles Angwin	<b>Minister for Works</b>	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916
<b>Wilson (Lib)</b> 1916 - 1917	William James George	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Trading Concerns</b>	27 July 1916	28 June 1917

<b>Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919</b>	William James George	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Trading Concerns &amp; Water Supply, Sewerage &amp; Drainage</b>	28 June 1917	17 April 1919
<b>Colebatch (Lib) 1919</b>	William James George	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supply, Sewerage &amp; Drainage &amp; Trading Concerns</b>	17 April 1919	17 May 1919
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924</b>	William James George, CMG	<b>Minister for (Public) Works &amp; Water Supply, Sewerage &amp; Drainage &amp; Trading Concerns</b>	17 May 1919	15 April 1924
<b>Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930</b>	Alexander McCallum	Minister for Labour, <b>Public Works</b> , Metropolitan Water Supply (Water Supply until 15 Dec 1927) & Trading Concerns	16 April 1924	23 April 1930
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933</b>	John Lindsay	Minister for Labour, <b>Public Works</b> , Metropolitan Water Supply & Labour	24 April 1930	24 April 1933
<b>Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	Alexander McCallum	<b>Minister for Public Works</b> , Labour & Water Supply	24 April 1933	16 March 1935
	James Joseph Kenneally	Minster for Employment, <b>Public Works &amp; labour</b>	26 March 1935	13 May 1936
	Harold Millington	<b>Minister for Public Works &amp; Water Supply</b>	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>	Harold Millington	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	20 Aug 1936	18 April 1939
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies & Employment	18 April 1939	9 Dec 1943
	Albert Redvers George Hawke	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies & Industrial Development	9 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
<b>Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947</b>	Albert Redvers George Hawke	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies & Industrial Development	31 July 1945	1 April 1947
<b>McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953</b>	Victor Doney	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supply</b>	1 April 1947	6 April 1950
	David Brand	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supply & Housing	6 April 1950	24 Oct 1950
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supply</b>	24 Oct 1950	23 Feb 1953
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>	John Trezise Tonkin	Minister for Education, <b>Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	13 May 1954	7 Dec 1955
		Deputy Premier, <b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	7 Dec 1955	2 April 1959
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Gerald Percy Wild, MBE	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	2 April 1959	11 April 1962
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies & Labour	11 April 1962	16 March 1965
	Ross Hutchinson, DFC	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies, Health, Fisheries & Fauna	16 March 1965	17 Aug 1965
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	17 Aug 1965	3 March 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Colin John Jamieson	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies & Electricity	3 March 1971	12 Oct 1971
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Water Supplies</b>	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972

		<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies &amp; Traffic Safety</b>	6 July 1972	8 April 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Des Henry O'Neil (Kt, 1980)	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies &amp; Housing</b>	8 April 1974	5 June 1975
		Deputy Premier, <b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies &amp; the North-West</b>	5 June 1975	10 March 1977
	Raymond James O'Connor	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies &amp; Housing</b>	10 March 1977	7 Aug 1978
		<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies, Housing, &amp; Labour &amp; Industry, Consumer Affairs &amp; Immigration</b>	7 Aug 1978	5 March 1980
	Andrew Mensaros	<b>Minister for Works, Water Resources &amp; Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic &amp; Regional development &amp; Housing</b>	5 March 1980	12 Feb 1981
		<b>Minister for Works, Water Resources &amp; Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic &amp; Regional Development</b>	12 Feb 1981	28 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Andrew Mensaros	<b>Minister for Works, Water Resources &amp; Education &amp; Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic &amp; Regional Development</b>	28 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
		<b>Minister for Works, Water Resources &amp; Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic &amp; Regional Development</b>	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Kenneth Finlay Mclver	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Lands &amp; Surveys</b>	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Desmond Keith Dans, MLC	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Services, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, &amp; Leader of the Govt in LC</b>	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Services, Water Resources, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, &amp; Leader of the Govt in LC</b>	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		<b>Minister for Works &amp; Services, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, &amp; Leader of the Govt in LC</b>	25 July 1986	16 March 1987
	Peter M'Callum Dowding	<b>Minister for Works &amp; Services, Labour, Productivity &amp; Employment, Minister assisting the Treasurer, &amp; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Manager</b>	16 March 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Gavin Troy	Minister for Labour, <b>Works</b> and Services, and Minister assisting the Minister for Productivity & Public Sector Management	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Yvonne Daphne Henderson	<b>Minister for Works, Services &amp; Consumer Affairs</b>	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Pamela Ann Buchanan	<b>Minister for Works, Services, Regional Development &amp; the Minister assisting the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs</b>	19 Feb 1990	20 Dec 1990
		<b>Minister for Works, Services &amp; the Minister assisting the Minister for</b>	20 Dec 1990	5 Feb 1991

		Aboriginal Affairs		
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Graham Donald Kierath	Minister for Labour Relations; <b>Works</b> , Services, Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs	5 Feb 1991	10 Feb 1995
	Kevin John Minson	Minister for Disability Services; <b>Works</b> ; Services; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Justice	10 Feb 1995	26 Apr 1996
		Minister for Mines; <b>Works</b> ; Services; Disability Services; Minister assisting the Minister for Justice	26 Apr 1996	9 Jan 1997
	Michael Francis Board	<b>Minister for Works</b> ; Services; Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs; Youth	9 Jan 1997	11 Aug 1998
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services, Youth & Citizenship & Multicultural Interests	11 Aug 1998	22 Dec 1999
	Robert Frank Johnson	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services, Citizenship & Multicultural Interests	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Thomas Gregory Stephens, MLC	Minister for Housing, <b>Works</b> & Services, the Kimberley, Pilbara & Gascoyne	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		Minister for Housing, <b>Works</b> ; Local Government & Regional Development; Heritage; the Kimberley, Pilbara & Gascoyne	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
	Nicholas David Griffiths	Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Racing and Gaming; Government Enterprises; Land Information	27 June 2003	10 March 2005
	Francis Michael Logan (Fran)	Minister for Housing & <b>Works</b> ; Heritage; & Minister assisting the minister for Planning & Infrastructure	10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	Minister for Housing & <b>Works</b> ; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Housing & <b>Works</b> ; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs; Land Information	13 Dec 2006	2 March 2007.
		Minister for Employment Protection; Housing & <b>Works</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information	2 March 2007	25 Feb 2008
		Minister for Housing & <b>Works</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008</b>	Troy Raymond Buswell	Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing & <b>Works</b>  Responsibility for the "works" functions of the Department of Housing and Works were transferred to the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), effective from the 1 February 2009	23 Sept 2008	27 April 2010

**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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