

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 18 Deputy Premiers in 14 different Governments. The role of the Deputy Premier is to deputise for the Premier when absent or unable to attend an event. The Deputy Premier's position is recognised in the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal determinations.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Hawke (ALP) 1953-1959	1. Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA	Deputy Premier , Minister for Works and Water Supplied	7 Dec 1955	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	2. Hon Arthur Frederick Watts, MLA, CMG	Deputy Premier , Minister for Education and Electricity and Attorney General	2 Apr 1959	31 Jan 1962
	3. Hon Crawford David Nalder, MLA	Deputy Premier , and Minister for Agriculture	1 Feb 1962	12 Apr 1962
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for Agriculture and Electricity	12 Apr 1962	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	4. Hon Herbert Ernst Graham, MLA	Deputy Premier and Minister for Industrial Development, and Decentralisation and Town Planning	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Development and Decentralisation, Town Planning and the North-West	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Development and Decentralisation, and the North-West	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
	5. Alexander Donald Taylor, MLA	Deputy Premier and Minister for Development and Decentralisation	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	6. Walter Raymond McPharlin, MLA	Deputy Premier , Minister for Agriculture	8 April 1974	20 May 1975
	7. Hon Desmond Henry O'Neil, MLA (Kt, 1980)	Deputy Premier , Minister for Works, Water Supplies and the North-West	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977

		Deputy Premier , Chief Secretary, Minister for Police and Traffic, and Minister for Regional Administration and the North-West	10 Mar 1977	5 Mar 1980
	8. Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Deputy Premier , Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Regional Administration and the North-West and Tourism	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981
		Deputy Premier , Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Immigration	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	9. Hon Edgar Cyril Rushton, MLA	Deputy Premier , Minister for Transport and Emergency Services	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	10. Hon Malcolm John Bryce, MLA	Deputy Premier and Minister for Economic Development and Technology	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Industrial Development, Technology and Defence Liaison	23 Dec 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Industrial Development Small Business Technology, Communications and Defence Liaison	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Industry and Technology, Small Business, Defence Liaison, Communications and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Deputy Premier and Minister for Industry and Technology, Defence Liaison, Communications and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform	12 May 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	11. Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	Deputy Premier , and Minister for Economic Development and Trade	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Resources Development and the Arts	28 Feb 1989	13 Feb 1990

Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	12. Hon Ian Frederick Taylor, MLA	Deputy Premier , Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Conservation and Land Management	13 Feb 1990	19 Feb 1990
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for Finance and Economic Development and Goldfields	19 Feb 1990	30 Apr 1990
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Trade and Goldfields	30 Apr 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for State Development, Goldfields and Mid-West	20 Dec 1990	7 Sept 1992
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for Health, State Development and Goldfields	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	13. Hon Hendy John Cowan, MLA	Deputy Premier , and Minister for Commerce and Trade	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Deputy Premier , and Minister for Commerce and Trade, Regional Development and Small Business	10 Feb 1995	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	14. Hon Eric Stephen Ripper, MLA	Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Energy	16 Feb 2001	10 Mar 2005
		Deputy Premier , Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2007
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	14. Hon Eric Stephen Ripper, MLA	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 - 2013	15. Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	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 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	15. Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	16. Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	17. Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021 - 2023		Deputy Premier; Minister for Health, Medical Research; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Science	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Hydrogen Industry; Tourism; Science	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	18. Hon Rita Saffioti, MLA	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Transport; Tourism	8 June 2023	

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
Nat	Nationalist
Opp	Opposition

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