

### Disability Services Ministers of Western Australia

A Minister for Disability Services was first introduced in the Court Liberal Government in 1993. Since then there have been 13 Ministers representing the Disability Services portfolio in five different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Kevin John Minson, MLA	Minister for the Environment, Aboriginal Affairs, <b>Disability Services</b>	16 Feb 1993	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Paul Domenic Omodei, MLA	Minister for Local Government and <b>Disability Services</b>	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Minister for Local Government and <b>Disability Services</b> and Forest Products	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Culture and the Arts	16 Feb 2001	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Robert Charles Kucera, MLA	Minister for <b>Disability Services</b> ; Sport and Recreation; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; and Seniors	10 Mar 2005	12 Oct 2005
	Hon Mark McGowan, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Youth; Peel and South West; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Sport and Recreation; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors	13 Oct 2005	25 Nov 2005
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	<b>Minister for Disability Services</b> ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors and Volunteering; Minister assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	25 Nov 2005	26 May 2006
	Hon Anthony McRae, MLA	<b>Minister for Disability Services</b> ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	26 May 2006	13 Dec 2006.
		Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; <b>Disability Services</b>	13 Dec 2006	26 Feb 2007
	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	<b>Minister for Disability Services</b> ; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008

<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 – 2013</b>	Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC	Minister for Transport; <b>Disability Services</b>	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Transport; <b>Disability Services</b>	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2013 – 2017</b>	Hon Helen Margaret Morton, MLC	Minister for Mental Health; <b>Disability Services</b>	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Helen Margaret Morton, MLC	Minister for Mental Health; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Child Protection	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Andrea Ruth Mitchell, MLA	Minister for Mental Health; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Child Protection	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 – 2021</b>	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC	Minister for Environment; <b>Disability Services</b>	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2021 – 2023</b>	Hon Donald (Don) Thomas Punch, MLA	<b>Minister for Disability Services</b> ; Fisheries; Innovation and ICT; Seniors and Ageing	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Regional Development; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
<b>Cook (ALP) 2023 –</b>	Hon Donald (Don) Thomas Punch, MLA	Minister for Regional Development; <b>Disability Services</b> ; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering	8 June 2023	

#### Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
Lib	Liberal
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council

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