

## Employment and Jobs Ministers of Western Australia

The first Employment Ministry was established in the Collier Labor Government in 1904. There have been 23 Ministers for Employment in 11 different governments. There have been several name changes including the Ministry for Employment; Employment and Training; Employment and Productivity; Employment Protection; Training and Workforce Development; and Jobs and Trade.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	Hon James Joseph Kenneally, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment</b> , Child Welfare and Industrial Development	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
		<b>Minister for Employment</b> , Public Works and Labour	26 Mar 1935	13 May 1936
	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment</b> and Labour	13 May 1936	20 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock ((ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment</b> and Labour	20 Aug 1936	18 Apr 1939
	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supply and <b>Employment</b>	18 Apr 1939	9 Dec 1943
There was no Minister for Employment in the Wise (ALP 1945 - 1947); McLarty (Lib 1947 -1953); Hawke (ALP 1953 - 1959); Brand (Lib 1959 - 1971); Tonkin (ALP 1971 - 1974) and Court (Lib 1974 - 1982) Governments				
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Hon William Ralph Boucher Hassell, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment</b>	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment</b> , Planning and Administrative Services and Minister assisting the Minister Coordinating Economic and Social Development	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Minister for Planning, <b>Employment and Training</b> , and Consumer Affairs	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for <b>Employment and Training</b> , Industrial Relations and Consumer Affairs	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for <b>Employment and Training</b> and Industrial Relations	26 Feb 1986	29 Oct 1986

		Minister for <b>Employment and Training</b> , Industrial Relations and Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	29 Oct 1986	16 Mar 1987
		Minister for Works and Services, Labour, <b>Productivity and Employment</b> , Minister assisting the Treasurer, and Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment and Training</b> , Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs and Minister assisting the Minister for Education and TAFE	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Gavin John Troy, MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Employment and Training</b> , Productivity, and Minister assisting the Minister for Education and TAFE	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Gavan John Troy, MLA	<b>Minister for Productivity and Labour Relations</b> , Minister assisting the Minister for Education with TAFE and Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management (The Minister for Productivity was responsible for Employment.)	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLA	Minister for Education, <b>Employment and Training</b> , The Arts and Deputy Leader of Government in Legislative Council	5 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Minister for Education, <b>Employment and Training</b> , Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce and Trade	16 Feb 1993	25 Aug 1993
		Minister for Education, <b>Employment and Training</b> , Sport and Recreation and Minister assisting the Minister for Commerce and Trade	25 Aug 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Minister for Education, <b>Employment and Training</b> , Sport and Recreation and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
		Minister for Education, <b>Employment and Training</b> , Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs, and Leader of Government in Legislative Council	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwards, MLA	Minister for the Environment and <b>Employment and Training</b>	9 Jan 1997	28 July 1998

	Hon Graham Donald Kierath, MLA	Minister for Planning, <b>Employment and Training</b> , and Heritage	28 July 1998	22 Dec 1999
	Hon Michael Francis Board, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment and Training</b> , Youth, and the Arts	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Labour Relations, Consumer Affairs, <b>Employment and Training</b> ; Leader of Government in Legislative Assembly	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		Minister for Consumer Affairs and <b>Employment Protection</b> ; Training; Leader of Government in Legislative Assembly	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
		Minister for Consumer Affairs and <b>Employment Protection</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Minister assisting the minister for Public Sector Management (until 10 March 2005); Minister assisting the Minister for Water Resources (From 10 March 2005); and Leader of Government in Legislative Assembly	27 June 2003	10 Mar 2005
		Minister for Consumer and <b>Employment Protection</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Consumer and <b>Employment Protection</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources	25 Jan 2006	2 Mar 2007
	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	<b>Minister for Employment Protection</b> ; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information from	2 Mar 2007	25 Feb 2008
	Hon Jonathan (Jon) Robert Ford, MLC	<b>Minister for Employment Protection</b> ; Regional Development; Fisheries; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017</b>	Hon Peter Charles Collier, MLC	Minister for Energy; <b>Training</b>	23 Sept 2008	17 Nov 2009
		Minister for Energy; <b>Training and Workforce Development</b>	17 Nov 2009	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Energy; <b>Training and Workforce Development</b> ; Indigenous Affairs	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
	Hon Murray John Cowper, MLA	<b>Minister for Training and Workforce Development</b> and Corrective Services	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013

	Hon Terry Redman, MLA	<b>Minister for Training and Workforce Development;</b> Water; Forestry	21 Mar 2013	11 Dec 2013
	Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; <b>Training and Workforce Development</b>	11 Dec 2013	8 Dec 2014
	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; <b>Training and Workforce Development;</b> Women's Interests	8 Dec 2014	16 Feb 2016
		Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; <b>Training and Workforce Development;</b> Women's Interests	16 Feb 2016	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023</b>	Hon Mark McGowan, MLA	Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, <b>Jobs</b> and Trade; Federal-State Relations	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Medical Research; State Development, <b>Jobs</b> and Trade; Science	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, <b>Jobs</b> and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, <b>Jobs</b> and Trade; Hydrogen Industry; Tourism; Science	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
<b>Cook (ALP) 2023</b>	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Premier; State and Industry Development, <b>Jobs</b> and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations	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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