

Justice Ministers of Western Australia

There have been 17 Justice Ministers across 15 different Governments with the first Justice Ministry established in the Daglish Government in 1904. Emil Nulsen was Minister for Justice in three different Labor Ministries 1939 - 1947 and 1953 - 1959.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Hon Robert Hastie, MLA	Minister for Justice	10 Aug 1904	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Hon Cornthwaite Hector, MLA	Premier, Colonial Secretary and Minister for Justice	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910	Hon Newton James Moore, MLA	Premier, Minister for Lands and Justice	14 May 1909	30 June 1909
No Minister for Justice in the Wilson (Lib 1910-1911), Scaddan (ALP 1911-1916), Wilson (Lib 1916 - 1917), Lefroy (Lib 1917 - 1919) and Colebatch (Lib 1919) Governments				
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLA	Minister for Education, North West and Justice	3 Apr 1921	17 June 1923
	Hon John Ewing, MLC Succeeded Colebatch	Minister for Education, North West and Justice	18 June 1923	15 Apr 1924
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA	Minister for Justice, Railways and Education	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
		Minister for Justice and Railways	26 Mar 1935	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon Frederick Charles Lee Smith, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways	27 Aug 1936	29 Mar 1939
	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways	29 Mar 1939	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Emil Nulsen , MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
		Minister for Justice and Health	3 Aug 1945	1 April 1947
No Minister for Justice in the McLarty (Lib 1947 - 1953) Government				

Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Health and Justice	23 Feb 1953	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Arthur Frederick Griffith, MLA	Minister for Mines, Housing and Justice and Leader of Govt LC	1 Feb 1962	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Mines, Justice and Leader of Government Legislative Council	16 Mar 1965	3 Mar 1971
No Minister for Justice in the Tonkin (ALP 1971 - 1974) Government				
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Neil McNeill, MLC	Minister for Justice and Leader of Government Legislative Council	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Justice and Chief Secretary and Leader of Government Legislative Council	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
No Minister for Justice in the O'Connor (Lib 1982 - 1983) & Burke (ALP 1983- 1988) Governments				
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon David Lawrence Smith, MLA	Minister for Community Services, Justice and South West	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon David Lawrence Smith, MLA	Minister for Community Services, Justice and South West	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
		Minister for Lands, Planning, Justice , Local Government and South West	5 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwardes, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Women's Interests	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Justice , the Environment and the Arts	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice and the Arts	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Electoral Affairs Peel and South West	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice , Community Safety	27 June 2003	10 Mar 2005

	Hon John Biase D’Orazio, MLA	Minister for Justice and Small Business	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon John Biase D’Orazio, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice ; Community Safety	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
	Hon Quirk Margaret May, MLA	Minister for Justice ; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	8 May 2006	9 May 2006
		Minister for Justice ; Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 May 2006	26 May 2006
	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	No separate Justice Ministry, name change to Department of Attorney General	26 May 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Charles Christian (Christian) Porter, MLA	No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	23 Sept 2008	14 Dec 2010
		No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	14 Dec 2010	12 June 2012
	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General Temporary, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries and Electoral Affairs	12 June 2012	29 June 2012
	Hon Michael Mischin, MLC	No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Michael Mischin, MLC	No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon John Robert Quigley, MLA	No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021		No separate Justice Ministry SEE Attorney General	19 Mar 2021	

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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