

### Immigration, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Ministers of Western Australia

The first Immigration Minister was in the Collier Government in 1924. There have been 30 Ministers responsible for Immigration, Multicultural, Ethnic and Citizenship interests in 18 different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930</b>	Hon Williams Charles Angwin, MLA	Minister for Lands, <b>Immigration</b> and Industries	16 Apr 1924	30 Apr 1927
	Hon Michael Francis Troy, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Lands and <b>Immigration</b>	30 Apr 1927	15 Dec 1927
		Minister for Lands and <b>Immigration</b>	15 Dec 1927	23 Apr 1930
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933</b>	Hon Charles George Latham, MLA	Minister for Lands, <b>Immigration</b> and Health	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
<b>Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	Hon Michael Francis Troy, MLA	Minister for Lands and <b>Immigration</b>	24 Apr 1933	19 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>	Hon Michael Francis Troy, MLA	Minister for Lands and <b>Immigration</b>	20 Aug 1936	15 Mar 1939
<b>There was no Minister for Immigration in the Wise Government (ALP) 1945 - 1947</b>				
<b>McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953</b>	Hon Lindsay Thorn, MLA	Minister for Lands, Labour and <b>Immigration</b>	7 Oct 1949	23 Feb 1953
<b>There was no Minister for Immigration in the Hawke Government (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>				
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Hon William Stewart Bovell, MLA	Minister for Lands, Forests and <b>Immigration</b>	2 Apr 1959	16 Nov 1961
		Minister for Lands, Forests, Labour and <b>Immigration</b>	16 Nov 1961	11 Apr 1962
		Minister for Lands, Forests and <b>Immigration</b>	12 Apr 1962	3 Mar 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Hon Hywell David Evans, MLA	Minister for Lands, Agriculture, and <b>Immigration</b>	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971

		Minister for Lands, Agriculture, <b>Immigration</b> and Forests	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
	Hon Alexander Donald Taylor, MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Immigration</b> , Prices Control, Consumer Protection, and Tourism	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
	Hon John Joseph Harman, MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Immigration</b> , Prices Control and Consumer Protection	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon William Leonard Grayden, MLA	Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs, <b>Immigration</b> and Tourism	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and <b>Immigration</b>	5 June 1975	21 July 1978
	Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supplies, Housing, and Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and <b>Immigration</b>	7 Aug 1978	25 Aug 1978
		Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs, <b>Immigration</b> , Fisheries and Wildlife and Conservation and the Environment	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
		Deputy Premier, Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs, <b>Immigration</b> , Regional Administration and the North-West and Tourism	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981
		Deputy Premier, Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and <b>Immigration</b>	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Hon Gordon Edgar Masters, MLC	Minister for Labour and Industry and <b>Immigration</b>	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1984 - 1988</b>	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for the Environment, Forests <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> , and The Arts	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for the Environment, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> , The Arts, Forests	20 Dec 1984	21 Mar 1985
		Minister for Conservation and Land Management, and Environment, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> , and The Arts	22 Mar 1985	26 Feb 1986

	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Community Services, the Family, Youth, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Minister for Community Services, the Family, Youth, the Aged, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services, and <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b>	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Employment and Training, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> and Minister assisting the Minister for Education and TAFE	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Regional Development, Fisheries and <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b>	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Public Sector Management, The Family, Aboriginal Affairs, and <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> and Women's Interests	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Hon Judyth Watson, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	5 Feb 1991	26 Feb 1991
		Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> , Seniors, and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	26 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b> , Seniors, and Women's Interests	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Graham Donald Kierath, MLA	Minister for Labour Relations, Works, Services and <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b>	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
	Hon Paul Domenic Omodei, MLA	Minister for Local Government, and <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs</b>	10 Feb 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Michael Francis Board, MLA	Minister for Works, Services; <b>Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs &amp; Youth</b>	9 Jan 1997	11 Aug 1998

		Minister of Minister for Works, Services, Youth, and <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	11 Aug 1998	22 Dec 1999
	Hon Robert Frank Johnson, MLA	Minister of Minister for Works, Services, <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Geoffrey Ian Gallop, MLA	Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal Affairs; Science; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	16 Feb 2001	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Robert Charles Kucera, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; Sport and Recreation; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Seniors	10 Mar 2005	13 Oct 2005
	Hon Mark McGowan, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Youth; Peel and South West; Disability Services; Sport and Recreation; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Seniors	13 Oct 2005	25 Nov 2005
	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Seniors and Volunteering; Minister assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	25 Nov 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Seniors and Volunteering; Minister assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
		Minister for Disability Services; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
		Minister for Justice; Disability Services; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	8 May 2006	26 May 2006
	Hon Anthony (Tony) David McRae, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure	26 May 2006	13 Dec 2006

	Hon Ljiljanna Maria Ravlich, MLC	Minister for Government Enterprises; <b>Multicultural Interests and Citizenship</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017</b>	Hon Giovanni (John) Mario Castrilli, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Heritage; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Local Government; Heritage; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	28 Apr 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Dr Michael Dennis Nahan, MLA	Minister for Energy; Finance; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2014
		Treasurer; Minister for Energy; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	17 Mar 2014	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023</b>	Hon Paul Papalia, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs</b>	17 Mar 2017	6 Apr 2017
		Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b> (minor name change)	6 Apr 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA	Minister for Finance; Lands; Sport and Recreation; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
<b>Cook (ALP) 2023 -</b>	Hon Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA	Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; <b>Citizenship and Multicultural Interests</b>	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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