

Mines Ministers of Western Australia

A Mines Ministry was first established in the Forrest Government, the first Government, after responsible government was granted in 1890. There have been 38 Ministers for Mines in 35 Governments. Henry Gregory was Minister for Mines in six different Governments. Arthur Frederick Griffith was the longest continuous serving Minister for Mines in the Brand Government serving from 1959 to 1971.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901	Hon Edward Horne Wittenoom, MLC	Minister for Mines and Education	19 Dec 1894	12 May 1897
		Minister for Mines	12 May 1897	28 Apr 1898
	Hon Henry Bruce Lefroy, MLA	Minister for Mines	28 Apr 1898	15 Feb 1901
Throssell (Forrest) 1901	Hon Henry Bruce Lefroy, MLA	Minister for Mines	15 Feb 1901	27 May 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
Morgans (Min) 1901	Hon Frank Wilson, MLA	Minister for Mines	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901 - 1902	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines	23 Dec 1901	1 July 1902
James (Lib) 1902 - 1904	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines	1 July 1902	10 Aug 1904
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Hon Robert Hastie, MLA	Minister for Mines	10 Aug 1904	7 June 1905
	Hon William Dartnell Johnson, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	7 June 1905	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	7 May 1906	16 Sept 1910
Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911	Hon Henry Gregory, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916	Hon Philip Collier, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	7 Oct 1911	23 Nov 1914
		Minister for Mines and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916

Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Hon Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Mines	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Hon John Scaddan, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	28 June 1917	27 July 1917
	Hon Charles Arthur Hudson, MLA	Minister for Mines and Railways	27 July 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Lib) 1919	Hon Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Mines , Industries and Forests	17 April 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 -1924	Hon Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Minister for Mines , Industries and Forests	17 May 1919	21 June 1919
	Hon John Scaddan, MLA	Minister for Mines , Railways, Police, Industries, and Forest	25 June 1919	22 Mar 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Hon Michael Francis Troy, MLA	Minister for Mines and Agriculture	16 Apr 1924	30 Apr 1927
	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Minister for Mines and Health	30 Apr 1927	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Hon John Scaddan, MLA, CMG	Minister for Railways, Mines , Police, Forests and Industry	24 April 1930	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Minister for Mines and Health	24 Apr 1933	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Minister for Mines and Health	20 Aug 1936	12 Mar 1938
	Hon Alexander Hugh Panton, MLA	Minister for Mines and Health	12 July 1938	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Alexander Hugh Panton, MLA	Minister for Mines and Health	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
	Hon William Mortimer Marshall, MLA	Minister for Mines , Railways and Transport	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953	Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLC	Minister for Mines and Health	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Chief Secretary, and Minister for Mines and Police	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Chief Secretary, and Minister for Mines and Police and Native Affairs	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950

	Hon Charles Herbert Simpson, MLC	Minister for Transport, Railways and Mines	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Lionel Francis Kelly, MLA	Minister for Mines and Fisheries	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Minister for Mines and Industrial Development and Fisheries	13 May 1954	19 Dec 1957
	Hon Arthur McAlister Moir, MLA	Minister for Mines	19 Dec 1957	13 Nov 1958
		Minister for Mines and Chief Secretary	13 Nov 1958	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Arthur Frederick Griffith, MLC	Minister for Mines and Housing, and Leader of Government in LC	2 Apr 1959	31 Jan 1962
		Minister for Mines and Housing and Justice and Leader of Government in LC	1 Feb 1962	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Mines and Justice and Leader of Government in LC	16 Mar 1965	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Donald George May, MLA	Minister for Mines and the North West	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Mines and Electricity	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for Mines and Electricity and Fuel	6 July 1972	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Andrew Mensaros, MLA	Minister for Industrial Development, Mines , and Fuel and Energy	8 Apr 1974	1 May 1974
		Minister for Industrial Development, Mines , Electricity and Fuel and Energy	1 May 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Industrial Development, Mines , Fuel and Energy	5 June 1975	5 Mar 1980
	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Resources Development, Mines , Fuel and Energy and Industrial Development and Commerce	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981
		Minister for Resources Development, Mines , Fuel and Energy, Housing, Regional Administration and the North West, Tourism, and Industrial Development and Commerce	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA	Minister for Resources Development, Mines , Fuel and Energy	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983

Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Peter M'Callum Dowding, MLC	Minister for Mines and Fuel and Energy	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
	Hon David Charles Parker, MLA	Minister for Minerals and Energy, and Minister Assisting the Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Minerals and Energy, the Arts, and Minister Assisting the Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development	26 Feb 1986	16 Mar 1987
		Minister for Minerals and Energy, Economic Development and Arts	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Jeffrey Phillip Carr, MLA	Minister for Mines , Local Government and Regional Development	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Mines , Fuel and Energy and the Mid-West	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Jeffrey Phillip Carr, MLA	Minister for Mines , Fuel and Energy, the Mid-West and Small Business	12 Feb 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Minister for Mines , Fuel and Energy, the Mid-West	20 Dec 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Mines , Fisheries, Sport and Recreation, Mid-West and Minister assisting Minister for State Development	5 Feb 1991	27 Feb 1991
		Minister for Mines , Fisheries, Mid-West and Minister assisting Minister for State Development	27 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for Small Business, Mines , Fisheries, and Minister assisting Minister for Employment, Trade and Investment	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Samuel Ernest George Cash, MLC	Minister for Mines , Lands, Minister assisting the Minister for Resources Development, and Leader of the Government in LC	16 Feb 1993	25 Jan 1994
		Minister for Mines , Lands, Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management, Minister assisting the Minister Resources Development, and Leader of the Government in LC	25 Jan 1994	10 Feb 1995

		Minister for Mines , Lands, Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management, and Leader of the Government in LC	10 Feb 1995	26 Apr 1996
	Hon Kevin John Minson, MLA	Minister for Mines , Works, Services, Disability Services and Minister assisting the minister for Justice	26 Apr 1996	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Minister for Mines , Tourism, Sport and Recreation, and Leader of the Government in LC	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Minister for Mines , Tourism, Sport and Recreation, Racing and Gaming and Leader of the Government in LC	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Clive Morris Brown, MLA	Minister for State Development ; Small Business; Tourism and Goldfields-Esperance (State Development was responsible for the administration of the Department of Minerals and Petroleum which managed the Mining Act and related legislation)	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		Minister for State Development ; Small Business; Tourism, Small Business	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
		Minister for State Development	27 June 2003	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Alan John Carpenter, MLA	Minister for Energy and State Development	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Alan John Carpenter, MLA	Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs; State Development ; Energy	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon John Bowler, MLA	Minister for Resources and Assisting the Minister for State Development; Employment Protection; Goldfields-Esperance and Great Southern (Minister became responsible for the administration of the Mines Act and related legislation)	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2006
	Hon Francis (Fran) Michael Logan, MLA	Minister for Energy; Resources ; Industry and Enterprise	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Minister for Mines and Petroleum ; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010

		Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries; Electoral Affairs	28 Apr 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon William Richard Marmion, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Housing	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Sean Kimberley L'Estrange, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Small Business	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Peter Charles Tinley AM, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Veterans Issues; Youth	17 Mar 2017	22 Mar 2017
	Hon William (Bill) Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement	22 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon William (Bill) Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Veteran Affairs	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
		Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon William (Bill) Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Hydrogen Industry; Industrial Relations	8 June 2023	8 Dec 2023
	Hon David Robert Michael MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport	8 Dec 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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