

**Native Affairs/Native Welfare/Aboriginal Affairs/Indigenous Affairs
Ministers of Western Australia**

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Hon Robert Ross McDonald, MLA, KC	Attorney General, Minister for Police & Native Affairs	1 April 1947	5 Jan 1948
		Minister for House, Forests & Native Welfare	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
	Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLC	Chief Secretary & Minister for Mines, Police & Native Affairs	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
	Hon Victor Doney, MLA	Chief Secretary & Minister for Local Government & Native Affairs	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon William Hegney, MLA	Minster for Native Welfare , Labour & Prices	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Minister for Education, Native Welfare & Labour	13 May 1954	20 April 1956
	Hon John Joseph Brady, MLA	Minister for Native Welfare & Police	20 April 1956	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Charles Collier Perkins, MLA	Minister for Transport, Police, Labour & Native Welfare	2 Apr 1959	16 Nov 1961
	Hon George Meredith Cornell, MLA	Minister for Transport, Police & Native Welfare	16 Nov 1961	11 April 1962
	Hon Edgar Henry Mead Lewis, MLA	Minister for Education & Native Welfare	12 April 1962	3 March 1971
Between 1971 and 1983 no minister was specifically responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. The Minister for Community Welfare provided support for Aboriginal issues in the Tonkin (ALP 1971 - 1974), Court (Lib 1974 - 1982) and O'Connor (Lib 1982 - 1983) Governments.				
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Keith James Wilson, MLA	Minister for Housing, Youth & Community Services with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs & Minister for Sport & Recreation	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Housing, Youth Affairs, the Aged, Community Services, Sport & Recreation & with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Minister for Housing, Sport & Recreation, Community Affairs & Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, the North West & Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 Feb 1988

Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, the North West & Aboriginal Affairs & Small Business	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA	Minister for Education & Aboriginal Affairs	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA	Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, the Family, Aboriginal Affairs & Women's Interests	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Hon Pamela Ann Buchanan, MLA	Minister for Works, Services, Regional development & Minister assisting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
	Hon Judyth Watson, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs , Multicultural & Ethnic Affair & assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	5 Feb 1991	26 Feb 1991
		Minister for Aboriginal Affairs , Multicultural & Ethnic Affair, Seniors & assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	27 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Kevin John Minson, MLA	Minister for Environment, Aboriginal Affairs , Disability Services & assisting the Minister for Fisheries	16 Feb 1993	25 Jan 1994
	Hon Anthony Kevin Royston Prince, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Housing	25 Jan 1994	21 Dec 1995
		Minister for Health & Aboriginal Affairs	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Minister for Housing, Aboriginal Affairs & Water Resources	9 Jan 1997	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Alan John Carpenter, MLA	Minister for Education (& Training from 14 Jan 2003); Sport & Recreation; & Indigenous Affairs	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	27 June 2003	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection; Indigenous Affairs ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources from 10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Indigenous Affairs ; Tourism; Culture and the Arts	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2007
		Minister for Housing & Works; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs ; Land Information	13 Dec 2007	2 March 2007
	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs ; Heritage; Land Information	2 March 2007	25 Feb 2008

	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Housing and Works; Indigenous Affairs ; Heritage; Land Information	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Peter Charles Collier, MLC	Minister for Energy; Training and Workforce Development; Indigenous Affairs	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
		Minister for Education, Energy and Indigenous Affairs	29 June 2012	21 March 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Peter Charles Collier, MLC	Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs ; Electoral Affairs	21 March 2013	17 March 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon Benjamin Sana Wyatt, MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs	17 March 2017	13 Dec 2018
		Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs ; Lands	13 Dec 2018	13 March 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021 -	Hon Stephen Dawson, MLC	Mental health; Aboriginal Affairs ; Industrial Relations; Deputy Leader of the Legislative Council	19 March 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA	Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs ; Racing and Gaming; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA	Education; Aboriginal Affairs ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	14 Dec 2022	

Abbreviations

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

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