

Attorney Generals of Western Australia

Robert Robinson, Emil Nulsen and Joe Berinson have all served in three different Ministries. Cheryl Edwardes was the first woman Attorney General in Australia.

Ministry	Ministers Name	Ministerial Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901	Septimus Burt, MLA	Attorney General	29 Dec 1890	27 Oct 1897
	Richard William Pennefather, MLA and MLC	Attorney General	27 Oct 1897	15 Feb 1901
Throssell (Forrest) 1901	Richard William Pennefather, MLA and MLC	Attorney General	15 Feb 1901	20 Mar 1901
	William Frederick Sayer, MLA	Attorney General	25 Mar 1901	27 May 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901	George Leake, MLC and MLA	Premier and Attorney General	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
Morgans (Min) 1901	Frederick William Moorhead, MLA	Attorney General	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
Leake (Opp) 1901 - 1902	George Leake, (died in office)	Premier and Attorney General	23 Dec 1901	24 June 1902
James (Lib) 1902 - 1904	Hon Walter Hartwell James, MLA	Premier and Attorney General	1 July 1902	10 Aug 1904
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Robert Hastie, MLA	Minister for Justice (No Attorney General title)	10 Aug 1904	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Cornthwaite Hector Rason, MLA	Premier, Colonial Treasurer and Minister for Justice (No Attorney General title)	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
Moore 1906 – 1909	Hon Norbert Keenan, MLA	Attorney General	7 May 1906	14 May 1909
Newton Moore (Min) 1909 - 1910	Hon Newton James Moore, MLA	Premier, Minister for Lands and Justice (No Attorney General title)	14 May 1909	30 June 1909
	John Leighton Nanson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Education	30 June 1909	16 Sept 1910
Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911	John Leighton Nanson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Education	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911

Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916	Hon Thomas Walker, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Education	7 Oct 1911	27 July 1916
Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Mines	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Industries, and Wood and Forests	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Nat) 1919	Robert Thomas Robinson, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Industries, and Wood and Forests	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 – 1924	Thomas Percy Draper, MLA, CBE	Attorney General	17 May 1919	12 Mar 1921
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA	Minister for Railways and Justice (No Attorney General title)	16 Apr 1924	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Thomas Arthur Lewis Davy, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Education	24 Apr 1930	18 Feb 1933
	Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLA and MLC	Attorney General and Minister for Education	22 Feb 1933	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA	Minister for Justice, Railways and Education (No Attorney General title)	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
		Minister for Justice and Railways	26 Mar 1935	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Frederick Charles Lee Smith, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways (No Attorney General title)	27 Aug 1936	29 Mar 1939
	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways (No Attorney General title)	29 Mar 1939	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways (No Attorney General title)	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
		Minister for Justice and Health	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947

McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Robert Ross McDonald, MLA	Attorney General , Minister for Police and Native Affairs	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Hon Arthur Valentine Rutherford Abbott, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Health and Fisheries	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Attorney General and Minister for Prices and Fisheries	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
		Attorney General and Minister for Police and Fisheries	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Health and Justice (No Attorney General title)	23 Feb 1953	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Arthur Frederick Watts, MLA, CMG	Deputy Premier, Minister for Education and Electricity and Attorney General	2 Apr 1959	31 Jan 1962
	Hon Arthur Frederick Griffith, MLC	Minister for Mines Housing and Justices and Leader of the Government in the LC (No Attorney General title)	1 Feb 1962	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Mines and Justices, and Leader of the Government in the LC	16 Mar 1965	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Ronald Edward Bertram, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Railways	3 Mar 1971	30 Sept 1971
	Hon Thomas Daniel Evans, MLA	Minister for Education and Attorney General , Assisting the Treasurer	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for Education and Recreation, Attorney General , Assisting Treasurer	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
		Attorney General , Minister for Recreation and Assistant Treasurer	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Neil McNeill MLC	Minister for Justice, Leader of Government Legislative Council (No Attorney General title)	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Justice, Chief Secretary and Leader of Government Legislative Council	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Ian George Medcalf, MLC	Attorney General and Minister for Federal Affairs	22 Dec 1975	5 Mar 1980

		Attorney General and Minister for Federal Affairs and Leader of Government Legislative Council	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Ian George Medcalf, MLC	Attorney General and Minister for Federal Affairs and Leader of Government Legislative Council	25 Jan 1982	30 Dec 1982
		Attorney General and Minister for Federal Affairs and Police and Leader of Government Legislative Council	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Inter-Government Relations and Defence Liaison	25 Feb 1983	19 Apr 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management and for Prisons	19 Apr 1983	31 May 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Inter-Government Relations and Defence Liaison, Prisons	31 May 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management and Prisons	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management and Prisons and Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	26 Feb 1986	16 Mar 1987
		Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management and Corrective Services and Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Budget Management and Corrective Services and Deputy Leader of Government Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Corrective Services and Leader of Government Legislative Council	19 Feb 1990	30 Apr 1990

		Attorney General , Minister for Resources, Corrective Services and Leader of Government Legislative Council	30 Apr 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Attorney General , Minister for Corrective Services and Leader of Government Legislative Council	20 Dec 1990	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwardes, MLA	Attorney General , Minister for Women's Interests and Parliamentary Electoral Affairs	16 Feb 1993	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Attorney General , Minister for Justice, the Environment, the Arts and Fair Trading	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
		Attorney General , Minister for Justice and the Arts	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Attorney General and Minister for Justice	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon James Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Electoral Affairs, Peel and the South West	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
		Attorney General and Minister for Health and Electoral Affairs	27 June 2003	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon James Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General and Minister for Health and Electoral Affairs	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Charles Christian (Christian) Porter, MLA	Attorney General ; Minister for Corrective Services	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Attorney General ; Minister for Corrective Services	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Treasurer; Attorney General	14 Dec 2010	12 June 2012
	Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	Attorney General (temporary); Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries and Electoral Affairs	12 June 2012	29 June 2012
	Hon Michael Mischin, MLC	Attorney General	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Michael Mischin, MLC	Attorney General ; Minister for Commerce	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2017

McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon John Robert Quigley, MLA	Attorney General	17 Mar 2017	13 Dec 2018
		Attorney General ; Minister for Commerce	13 Dec 2018	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021	Hon John Robert Quigley, MLA	Attorney General ; Minister for Electoral Affairs	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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