

Consumer Affairs Ministers of Western Australia

The first Ministry responsible for consumers was established in the Wilson Government in 1916 with William James George as Minister for Trading Concerns. Since then there have been 33 Ministers for Consumer Affairs in 20 different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for Works and Trading Concerns	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for Works, Trading Concerns and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Lib) 1919	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for Works, Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage, and Trading Concerns	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Lib) 1919 - 1924	Hon William James George, MLA	Minister for (Public) Works, Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage, and Trading Concerns	17 May 1919	15 Apr 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Hon Alexander McCallum, MLA	Minister for Labour, Public Works, Metropolitan Water Supply (Water Supply until 15 Dec 1927), and State Trading Concerns	16 Apr 1924	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Hon Charles Farquharson Baxter, MLC	Minister for Country Water Supplies, Trading Concerns	24 Apr 1930	14 Oct 1931
		Chief Secretary and Minister for Country Water Supplies and Trading Concerns	14 Oct 1931	24 Apr 1933
There was no Minister responsible for Consumer or Trading Concerns in the Collier 1933 - 1936, Willcock 1936 - 1945 and Wise 1945 - 1947 Governments.				
McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953	Hon Dame Annie Florence Gillies Cardell-Oliver, MLA, DBE	Honorary Minister for Supply and Shipping	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949
		Minister for Health, Supply and Shipping	7 Oct 1949	23 Feb 1953

Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon William Hegney, MLA	Minister for Native Welfare, Labour and Prices	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
	Hon Harry Charles Strickland, MLC	Minister for the North West, and Supply and Shipping	23 Feb 1953	20 Apr 1956
		Minister for Railways, the North West, and Supply and Shipping	20 Apr 1956	13 Nov 1958
		Leader of Govt in LC, Minister for Railways, the North West, and Supply and Shipping	13 Nov 1958	2 Apr 1959

There was no Minister responsible for Consumer or Trading Concerns in the Brand Government 1959 – 1971

Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for Prices Control, Consumer Protection , Health and Fisheries and Fauna	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon Alexander Donald Taylor, MLA	Minister for Labour, Prices Control, Consumer Protection , and Tourism	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Labour, Immigration, Prices Control, Consumer Protection , and Tourism	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
	John Joseph Harman, MLA	Minister for Labour, Immigration, Prices Control and Consumer Protection	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974

Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon William Leonard Grayden, MLA	Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs , Immigration and Tourism	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Immigration	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 Immigration	7 Aug 1978	25 Aug 1978
		Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Immigration, Fisheries and Wildlife, and Conservation and Environment, Deputy Premier	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
		Minister for Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Immigration, Regional Administration and the North-West and Tourism	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981

Deputy Premier, Minister for Labour and Industry, **Consumer Affairs** and Immigration

12 Feb 1981

25 Jan 1982

O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Raymond Laurence Young	Minister for Health Community Welfare, Housing and Consumer Affairs	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
	Richard Steele Shalders, MLA	Honorary Minister assisting the Minister in the portfolios of Community Welfare, Housing and Consumer Affairs	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
	Richard Steele Shalders, MLA	Minister for Community Welfare, Housing and Consumer Affairs	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Arthur Raymond Tonkin, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, Consumer Affairs , and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform, Leader of the House	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
	Hon Peter McCallum Dowding MLA (MLC until 1986)	Minister for Planning, Employment and Training, Consumer Affairs	23 Dec 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Minister for Planning, Employment and Training, and Industrial Relations, and Consumer Affairs	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Keith James Wilson MLA	Minister for Housing, Sport and Recreation, Consumer Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs	26 Feb 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Housing, Sport and Recreation, and Consumer Affairs	25 July 1986	16 Mar 1987
	Hon Ian Frederick Taylor, MLA	Minister for Health, Consumer Affairs and Minister assisting Minister for Economic Development	16 Mar 1987	125 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Graham John Edwards, MLC	Minister for Consumer Affairs , and Sport and Recreation	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Yvonne Daphne Henderson, MLA	Minister for Works and Services and Consumer Affairs	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Yvonne Daphne Henderson, MLA	Minister for Housing and Consumer Affairs	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991
		Minister for Productivity and Labour Relations and Consumer Affairs	5 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993

Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Minister for Health, the Arts and Consumer Affairs	16 Feb 1993	3 Nov 1993
		Minister for Health, the Arts and Fair Trading (Name change to Fair Trading)	3 Nov 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Minister for the Environment, Water Resources, the Arts and Fair Trading	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwards, MLA	Minister for Family and Children Services, Youth, Seniors, Fair Trading and Women's Interests	21 Dec 1995	3 Apr 1996
		Minister for Family and Children Services, Seniors, Fair Trading and Women's Interests	3 Apr 1996	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Douglas James Shave, MLA	Minister for Lands, Fair Trading , and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs	9 Jan 1997	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Labour Relations, Consumer Affairs , Employment and Training; and Leader of the House in the LA	16 Feb 2001	14 Jan 2003
		Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection	14 Jan 2003	27 June 2003
		Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection ; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management	27 June 2003	26 Feb 2005
		Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection ; Indigenous Affairs; Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources and Leader of the House in the LA	10 Mar 2005	3 Feb 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Housing and Works; Consumer Protection ; Heritage; Land Information	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2006
	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection	13 Dec 2006	2 Mar 2007
		Minister for Disability Services; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008

Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works	23 Sept 2008	27 Apr 2010
	Hon William (Bill) Richard Marmion, MLA	Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
Since 2008 there has been no separate Minister for Consumer affairs, responsibility is with the Minister for Commerce.				
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Michael Mischin, MLC	Attorney General; Minister for Commerce	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon William Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Asian Engagement; Housing; Electoral Affairs; Commerce and Industrial Relations	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021	Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson, MLA	Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Commerce	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery, MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests	14 Dec 2022	

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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