

Disability Services Ministers of Western Australia

A Minister for Disability Services was first introduced in the Court Liberal Government in 1993. Since then there have been 13 Ministers representing the Disability Services portfolio in five different Governments.

| Ministry | Name | Ministry title | Assumption of Office Date | Retirement of Office Date |
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| Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001 | Hon Kevin John Minson, MLA | Minister for the Environment, Aboriginal Affairs, Disability Services | 16 Feb 1993 | 9 Jan 1997 |
| | Hon Paul Domenic Omodei, MLA | Minister for Local Government and Disability Services | 9 Jan 1997 | 22 Dec 1999 |
| | | Minister for Local Government and Disability Services and Forest Products | 22 Dec 1999 | 16 Feb 2001 |
| Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006 | Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA | Minister for Community Development; Disability Services ; Culture and the Arts | 16 Feb 2001 | 10 Mar 2005 |
| | Hon Robert Charles Kucera, MLA | Minister for Disability Services ; Sport and Recreation; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; and Seniors | 10 Mar 2005 | 12 Oct 2005 |
| | Hon Mark McGowan, MLA | Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Youth; Peel and South West; Disability Services ; Sport and Recreation; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors | 13 Oct 2005 | 25 Nov 2005 |
| Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008 | Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA | Minister for Disability Services ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Seniors and Volunteering; Minister assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs | 25 Nov 2005 | 26 May 2006 |
| | Hon Anthony McRae, MLA | Minister for Disability Services ; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests | 26 May 2006 | 13 Dec 2006. |
| | | Minister for the Environment; Climate Change; Disability Services | 13 Dec 2006 | 26 Feb 2007 |
| | Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA | Minister for Disability Services ; Tourism; Culture and the Arts; Consumer Protection | 2 Mar 2007 | 23 Sept 2008 |

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| Barnett (Lib) 2008 – 2013 | Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC | Minister for Transport; Disability Services | 23 Sept 2008 | 28 Apr 2010 |
| | | Minister for Transport; Disability Services | 28 Apr 2010 | 14 Dec 2010 |
| Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017 | Hon Helen Margaret Morton, MLC | Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services | 14 Dec 2010 | 21 Mar 2013 |
| | Hon Helen Margaret Morton, MLC | Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services ; Child Protection | 21 Mar 2013 | 31 Mar 2016 |
| | Hon Andrea Ruth Mitchell, MLA | Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services ; Child Protection | 31 Mar 2016 | 17 Mar 2017 |
| McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021 | Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC | Minister for Environment; Disability Services | 17 Mar 2017 | 13 Mar 2021 |
| McGowan (ALP) 2021 | Hon Donald (Don) Thomas Punch, MLA | Minister for Disability Services ; Fisheries; Innovation and ICT; Seniors and Ageing | 19 Mar 2021 | 14 Dec 2022 |
| | | Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services ; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing | 14 Dec 2022 | |

Abbreviations

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

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