

Education Ministers of Western Australia

An Education Ministry was first established in the Forrest Government, the first Ministry after Responsible Government was granted in 1890. Hal Pateshall Colebatch was Minister for Education in four separate Governments from 1916 to 1924.

| Ministry | Name | Ministry Title | Assumption of Office Date | Retirement of Office Date |
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| Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901 | Hon Edward Horne Wittenoom, MLC | Minister for Mines and Education | 19 Dec 1894 | 12 May 1897 |
| | Hon Henry Bruce Lefroy, MLA | Minister for Education | 12 May 1897 | 28 Apr 1898 |
| | | Colonial Secretary and Minister for Education | 28 Apr 1898 | 15 Feb 1901 |
| Throssell (Forrest) 1901 | Hon George Randell, MLC | Colonial Secretary and Minister for Education | 15 Feb 1901 | 27 May 1901 |
| There was no Minister for Education in the Leake (1901), Morgan (1901) and Leake (1901 - 1902) Governments | | | | |
| James (Lib) 1902 - 1904 | Hon Walter Kingsmill, MLC | Colonial Secretary and Minister for Education | 1 July 1902 | 10 Aug 1904 |
| Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905 | Hon Henry Daglish, MLA | Premier and Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Education | 10 Aug 1904 | 7 June 1905 |
| | Hon Thomas Henry Bath, MLA | Minister for Lands and Education | 7 June 1905 | 25 Aug 1905 |
| Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906 | Hon Walter Kingsmill, MLC | Colonial Secretary and Minister for Education | 25 Aug 1905 | 7 May 1906 |
| Moore (Min) 1906 - 1909 | Hon Frank Wilson, MLA | Colonial Treasure, Minister for Agriculture and Education | 7 May 1906 | 30 June 1909 |
| | Hon John Leighton Nanson, MLA | Attorney General and Minister for Education | 30 June 1909 | 16 Sept 1910 |
| Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911 | Hon 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 |

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| Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917 | Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC | Attorney General and Minister for Education | 27 July 1916 | 28 June 1917 |
| Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919 | Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC | Attorney General and Minister for Education | 28 June 1917 | 17 April 1919 |
| Colebatch (Nat) 1919 | Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC | Minister for Railways and Education | 17 April 1919 | 17 May 1919 |
| Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924 | Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC | Minister for Public Health, Education , Agriculture and North West | 17 May 1919 | 3 April 1921 |
| | | Minister for Education , North West and Justice | 3 April 1921 | 17 June 1923 |
| | Hon John Ewing, MLC | Minister for Education , North West and Justice | 18 June 1923 | 15 April 1924 |
| Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930 | Hon John Michael Drew, MLC | Chief Education, Minister for Education , Health and the North West | 16 April 1924 | 30 April 1927 |
| | | Chief Secretary and Minister for Education | 30 April 1927 | 23 April 1930 |
| Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933 | Hon Norbert Keenan, MLA, KC | Chief Secretary and Minister for Education | 24 April 1930 | 21 Sept 1931 |
| | Hon Thomas Arthur Lewis Davy, MLA, KC | Attorney General and Minister for Education | 24 Oct 1931 | 18 Feb 1933 |
| | Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLA, DSO | Attorney General and Minister for Education | 22 Feb 1933 | 24 April 1933 |
| Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936 | Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA | Minister for Justice, Railways and Education | 24 Apr 1933 | 26 Mar 1935 |
| | Hon Harold Millington, MLA | Minister for Water Supplies, Education and Police | 26 Mar 1935 | 15 July 1936 |
| | Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise, MLA | Minister for Agriculture, Education and Police | 15 July 1936 | 19 Aug 1936 |
| Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945 | Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise, MLA | Minister for Education , Agriculture and Police | 20 Aug 1936 | 24 Mar 1937 |
| | | Minister for Agriculture and Education | 24 Mar 1937 | 18 Apr 1939 |

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| | Hon William Henry Kitson, MLA | Chief Secretary and Minister for Education | 18 Apr 1939 | 9 Dec 1943 |
| | Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA | Minister for Education and Social Services | 9 Dec 1943 | 31 July 1945 |
| Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947 | Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA | Minister for Education and Social Services | 31 July 1945 | 3 Aug 1945 |
| | | Minister for Education, Agriculture and Social Services | 3 Aug 1945 | 01 Apr 1947 |
| McLarty (Nat) 1947 - 1953 | Hon Arthur Frederick Watts, MLA, CMG | Minister for Education, Local Government and Industrial Development | 1 Apr 1947 | 7 Oct 1949 |
| | | Minister for Education, Industrial Development and Housing | 7 Oct 1949 | 6 Apr 1950 |
| | | Minister for Education, Child Welfare and Industrial Development | 6 Apr 1950 | 23 Feb 1953 |
| Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959 | Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA | Minister for Education, Works, and Water Supplied | 23 Feb 1953 | 13 May 1954 |
| | Hon William Hegney, MLA | Minister for Education, Native Welfare and Labour | 13 May 1954 | 20 Apr 1956 |
| | | Minister for Education and Labour | 20 Apr 1956 | 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 Edgar Henry Mead Lewis, MLA | Minister for Education and Electricity | 1 Feb 1962 | 11 Apr 1962 |
| | | Minister for Education and Native Welfare | 12 Apr 1962 | 3 Mar 1971 |
| Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974 | Hon John Trezise Tonkin, MLA | Premier and Minister for Education, Environmental Protection and Cultural Affairs | 3 Mar 1971 | 12 Oct 1971 |
| | Hon Thomas Daniel Evans, MLA | Minister for Education and Attorney General | 12 Oct 1971 | 6 July 1972 |

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| | | Minister for Education and Recreation, Attorney General, Assistant to the Treasurer | 6 July 1972 | 30 May 1973 |
| | Hon John Dolan, MLC | Minister for Education , Transport and Railways and Leader of Government Legislative Council | 30 May 1973 | 8 Apr 1974 |
| Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982 | Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC | Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs and Recreation | 8 Apr 1974 | 10 Mar 1977 |
| | Hon Peter Vernon Jones, MLA | Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs and Recreation | 10 Mar 1977 | 5 Mar 1980 |
| | Hon William Leonard Grayden, MLA | Minister for Education , Cultural Affairs and Recreation | 5 Mar 1980 | 25 Jan 1982 |
| O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983 | Hon Andrew Mensaros, MLA | Minister for Works, Water Resources and Education | 25 Jan 1982 | 14 May 1982 |
| | Hon James George Clarko, MLA (Honorary Minister) | Minister assisting the Minister in the portfolio of Education | 25 Jan 1982 | 14 May 1982 |
| | | Minister for Education | 14 May 1982 | 25 Feb 1983 |
| Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988 | Hon Robert John Pearce, MLA | Minister for Education | 25 Feb 1983 | 20 Dec 1984 |
| | | Minister for Education and Planning | 20 Dec 1984 | 26 Feb 1986 |
| | | Minister for Education and Planning and Leader of House in Legislative Assembly | 26 Feb 1986 | 12 May 1986 |
| | | Minister for Education and Planning, Police and Emergency Services and Leader of House in Legislative Assembly | 12 May 1986 | 25 July 1986 |
| | | Minister for Education and Planning and Leader of House in Legislative Assembly | 25 July 1986 | 16 Mar 1987 |
| | | Minister for Education and Planning, Intergovernmental Regulation and Leader of House in Legislative Assembly | 16 Mar 1987 | 25 Feb 1988 |
| Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990 | Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA | Minister for Education | 25 Feb 1988 | 28 Feb 1989 |
| | | Minister for Education and Aboriginal Affairs | 28 Feb 1989 | 12 Feb 1990 |

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| Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993 | Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA | Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, Women's Interests, Education , and Aboriginal Affairs | 12 Feb 1990 | 19 Feb 1990 |
| | Hon Geoffrey Ian Gallop, MLA | Minister for Education , and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform | 19 Feb 1990 | 20 Dec 1990 |
| | | Minister for Education , and Parliamentary and Electoral Reform and Minister assisting the Treasurer | 20 Dec 1990 | 5 Feb 1991 |
| | Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC | Minister for Education , Employment and Training, the Arts | 5 Feb 1991 | 7 Sept 1992 |
| | | Minister for Education , and Training, the Arts | 7 Sept 1992 | 16 Feb 1993 |
| Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001 | Hon Norman Frederick Moore, MLC | Minister for Education , Employment and Training and Assisting Minister for Commerce and Trade | 16 Feb 1993 | 25 Aug 1993 |
| | | Minister for Education , Employment and Training and Sport and Recreation and Assisting Minister for Commerce and Trade | 25 Aug 1993 | 10 Feb 1995 |
| | | Minister for Education , Employment and Training and Sport and Recreation and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs | 10 Feb 1995 | 21 Dec 1995 |
| | Hon Colin James Barnett, MLA | Minister for Resources Development, Energy, Education and Leader of House in Legislative Assembly | 21 Dec 1995 | 16 Feb 2001 |
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| Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006 | Hon Alan John Carpenter, MLA | Minister for Education , Sport and Recreation, and Indigenous Affairs | 16 Feb 2001 | 27 June 2003 |
| | | Minister for Education and Training | 27 June 2003 | 10 Mar 2005 |
| | Hon Ljiljanna Maria Ravlich, MLC | Minister for Education and Training | 10 Mar 2005 | 25 Jan 2006 |
| Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008 | Hon Ljiljanna Maria Ravlich, MLC | Minister for Education and Training | 25 Jan 2006 | 13 Dec 2006 |

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| | Hon Mark McGowan, MLA | Minister for Education and Training; South West | 13 Dec 2006 | 26 Feb 2007 |
| | | Minister for Education and Training; South West; the Environment; Climate Change; Disability Services | 26 Feb 2007 | 2 Mar 2007 |
| | | Minister for Education and Training; South West | 2 Mar 2007 | 23 Sept 2008 |
| Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013 | Hon Dr Elizabeth Constable, MLA (Independent) | Minister for Education; Tourism; Women's Interests | 23 Sept 2008 | 9 Feb 2009 |
| | | Minister for Education; Tourism | 9 Feb 2009 | 14 Dec 2010 |
| | | Minister for Education | 14 Dec 2010 | 29 June 2012 |
| | Hon Peter Charles Collier, MLC | Minister for Education; Energy; Indigenous Affairs | 29 June 2012 | 21 Mar 2013 |
| Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017 | Hon Peter Charles Collier, MLC | Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Electoral Affairs | 21 Mar 2013 | 17 Mar 2017 |
| McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021 | Hon Suzanne Mary Ellery, MLC | Minister for Education and Training | 17 Mar 2017 | 13 Mar 2021 |
| McGowan (ALP) 2021 | | Minister for Education and Training | 19 Mar 2021 | 14 Dec 2022 |
| | Hon Dr Antonio (Tony) De Paulo Buti, MLA | Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests | 14 Dec 2022 | |

Abbreviations

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| 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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