

## Health Ministers of Western Australia

The Health Ministry was first established in the Mitchell Nationalist Government in 1919 with a Minister for Public Health. There have been 31 different Ministers responsible for Health in 20 different Governments. Selby Walter Munsie was Minister for Health in three different Labor governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Mitchell (Nat)</b> <b>1919 - 1924</b>	Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch, MLC	<b>Minister for Public Health,</b> Education, Agriculture and North West	17 May 1919	3 Apr 1921
	Hon Frank Tyndall Broun, MLA	Colonial Secretary, <b>Minister for Public Health</b>	13 Apr 1921	22 Aug 1922
	Hon Richard Stanley Sampson, MLA	Colonial Secretary and <b>Minister for Public Health</b>	22 Aug 1922	15 Apr 1924
<b>Collier (ALP)</b> <b>1924 - 1930</b>	Hon John Michael Drew, MLC	Chief Secretary, Minister for Education, <b>Health</b> and the North West	16 Apr 1924	30 Apr 1927
	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Honorary Minister, Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	30 Apr 1927	23 Apr 1930
<b>Mitchell (Nat)</b> <b>1933 - 1933</b>	Hon Charles George Latham	Minister for Lands, Immigration and <b>Health</b>	24 Apr 1930	26 Apr 1933
<b>Collier (ALP)</b> <b>1933 - 1936</b>	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	26 Apr 1933	19 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP)</b> <b>1936 - 1945</b>	Hon Selby Walter Munsie, MLA	Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	20 Aug 1936	12 Mar 1938
	Hon Alexander Hugh Panton, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	24 Mar 1938	12 July 1938
		Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	12 July 1938	31 July 1945
<b>Wise (ALP)</b> <b>1945 - 1947</b>	Hon Alexander Hugh Panton, MLA	Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Justice and <b>Health</b>	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947
<b>McLarty (Lib)</b> <b>1947 - 1953</b>	Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLA	Minister for Mines and <b>Health</b>	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Hon Rutherford Abbot, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Health and Fisheries	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949

	Hon Annie Florence Gillies Cardell-Oliver, MLA, DBE	Minister for <b>Health</b> , Supply and Shipping	7 Oct 1949	23 Feb 1953
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 – 1959</b>	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for <b>Health</b> and Justice	23 Feb 1953	2 Apr 1959
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Hon Ross Hutchinson, MLA, DFC	Chief Secretary and Minister for <b>Health</b> and Fisheries	2 Apr 1959	16 Mar 1965
		Minister for Works, Water Supplies, <b>Health</b> , Fisheries and Fauna	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
	Hon Graham Charles MacKinnon, MLC	Minster for <b>Health</b> , Fisheries and Fauna	17 Aug 1965	9 Dec 1970
		Minster for <b>Health</b> , Fisheries and Fauna and Environmental Protection	10 Dec 1970	3 Mar 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Hon Ronald Davies, MLA	Minister for Prices Control, Consumer Protection, <b>Health</b> and Fisheries and Fauna	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Environmental Protection, <b>Health</b> , and Fisheries and Fauna	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		Minister for Environmental Protection, <b>Health</b> , and Town Planning	6 July 1972	8 Apr 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon Norman Eric Baxter, MLC	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Community Welfare	8 Apr 1974	20 May 1975
		<b>Minister for Health</b> and Community Welfare	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Keith Alan Ridge, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Community Welfare	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon Raymond Laurence Young, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Community Welfare	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
		<b>Minister for Health</b>	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Hon Raymond Laurence Young, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Community Welfare, Housing and Consumer Affairs	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
		<b>Minister for Health</b>	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon Barry James Hodge, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986

	Hon Ian Frederick Taylor, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> , the Aged and Lands	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		<b>Minister for Health</b> and Lands	12 May 1986	16 Mar 1987
		<b>Minister for Health</b> , Consumer Affairs and assisting Minister for Economic Development	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 – 1990</b>	Hon Keith James Wilson, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	25 Feb 1988	12 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Keith James Wilson, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	19 Feb 1990	13 Nov 1992
	Hon Ian Frederick Taylor, MLA	Deputy Premier, Minister for <b>Health</b> , State Development and Goldfields	26 Nov 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Peter Gilbert de Conceicao Foss, MLC	<b>Minister for Health</b> , the Arts, and Consumer Affairs	16 Feb 1993	3 Nov 1993
		<b>Minister for Health</b> , the Arts, and Fair Trading	3 Nov 1993	10 Feb 1995
	Hon Graham Donald Kierath, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Labour Relations	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Anthony Kevin Royston Prince, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> and Aboriginal Affairs	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
		<b>Minister for Health</b>	9 Jan 1997	28 July 1998
	Hon John Howard Dadley Day, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	28 July 1998	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Robert Charles Kucera, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b>	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General, <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Electoral Affairs	27 June 2003	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General, <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Electoral Affairs	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013</b>	Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> ; Indigenous Affairs	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		<b>Minister for Health</b> ; Indigenous Affairs	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Deputy Premier; <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Tourism	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017</b>	Hon Dr Kim Desmond Hames, MLA	Deputy Premier; <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Tourism	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016

	Hon John Howard Dadley Day, MLA	<b>Minister for Health</b> , Culture and the Arts	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 – 2021</b>	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Mental Health	17 Mar 2017	19 Mar 2021
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2021</b>	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; <b>Minister for Health</b> ; Medical Research; State Development; Jobs and Trade; Science	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Amber Jade Sanderson, MLA	Minister for <b>Health</b> ; Mental Health	21 Dec 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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