

Seniors Ministers of Western Australia

The Aged, Senior Affairs or Seniors Ministry was first introduced in the Burke Labor Government in 1983. Since then there have been 17 Ministers representing the Seniors portfolio in eight Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Keith James Wilson, MLA	Minister for Housing, Youth Affairs the Aged , Community Services, Sport and Recreation, with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Elsie (Kay) Hallahan, MLC	Minister Community Services, The Family, Youth, the Aged , Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests	26 Feb 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Elsie (Kay) Hallahan, MLC	Minister Community Services, The Family, Youth, the Aged , Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Interests. Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Dr Judyth Watson, MLA	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, Seniors and Women's Interests (assisted the Minister until 7 September 1992)	27 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Roger Keith Nicholls, MLA	Minister for Community Development; The Family, and Seniors	16 Feb 1993	29 June 1995
		Minister for Family and Children's Services, Youth, and Seniors	29 June 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwards, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Youth, Seniors , Fair Trading, Women's Interests	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Rhonda Kathleen Parker, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services; Seniors , Women's Interests	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999

	Hon June Dorothy Van De Klashorst, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services; Seniors , Women's Interests	22 Dec 1999	10 Dec 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts; Women's Interests; Seniors	6 Mar 2001	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Robert (Bob) Charles Kucera, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; Sport and Recreation; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, and Seniors	10 Mar 2005	13 Oct 2006
	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	3 Feb 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon David Alan Templeman, MLA	Minister for Community Development, Seniors and Volunteering, Youth, Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure	3 Feb 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Child Protection, Communities, Seniors and Volunteering, Peel	13 Dec 2006	2 Mar 2007
	Hon Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery, MLC	Minister for Child Protection, Community Services, Women's Interests, Seniors and Volunteering	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering	23 Sept 2008	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Anthony (Tony) James Simpson, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth	21 Mar 2013	20 Sept 2016
	Hon Paul Terrance Miles, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth	20 Sept 2016	17 Mar 2017

McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon Michael (Mick) Phillip Murray, MLA	Minister for Seniors and Ageing ; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation	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	21 Dec 2021
		Minister for Disability Services; Small Business; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing	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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