

Small Business Ministers of Western Australia

The Small Business Ministry was first introduced in the Burke Labor Government in 1984. Since then there have been 21 Ministers for Small Business in eight Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Malcolm John Bryce, MLA	Deputy Premier & Minister for Industrial Development, Small Business Technology, Communication & Defence Liaison	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Deputy Premier & Minister for Industrial Development, Small Business , Defence Liaison Communication & Parliamentary & Electoral Reform	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
	Hon Gavan John Troy, MLA	Minister for Transport & Small Business	12 May 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Water Resources, The North-West, Aboriginal Affairs & Small Business	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill, MLA	Minister for Economic Development & Trade & Minister for Tourism (The Ministry of Economic Development & Trade incorporated Small Business)	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Jeffrey Phillip Carr, MLA	Minister for Mines, Fuel & energy, Mid-West & Small Business	19 Feb 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Minister for Small Business , Mines, Fisheries & Minister assisting the Minister for Employment, Trade & Investment	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Hendy John Cowan, MLA	Deputy Premier, Minister for Commerce & Trade (Small Business part of Commerce & Trade)	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
		Deputy Premier, Minister for Commerce & Trade, Regional Development, & Small Business	10 Feb 1995	16 Feb 2001

Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Clive Morris Brown, MLA	Minister for State Development; Small Business ; Tourism (until 6 March 2001); & Goldfields-Esperance	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001
		Minister for State Development; Small Business & Tourism	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon Robert (Bob) Charles, MLA Kucera	Minister for Tourism, Small Business , Sport & Recreation & Peel & the South-West	27 June 2003	10 March 2005
	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Justice; Small Business	10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Justice; Small Business	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon Norman (Norm) Richard Marlborough, MLA	Minister for Small Business ; Peel & the South West; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education & Training	3 Feb 2006	9 Nov 2006
	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Corrective Services; Women's Interests; Small Business ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 Nov 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Corrective Services; Small Business ; Women's Interests (until 2 March 2007); Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and Works. (No separate Minister for Small Business. The responsibility was with the Minister for Commerce)	23 Sept 2008	27 April 2010
	Hon William (Bill) Richard Marmion, MLA	Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing. (No separate Minister for Small Business. The responsibility was with the Minister for Commerce)	28 April 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business	14 Dec 2010	21 March 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Small Business ; Women's Interests	21 March 2013	5 August 2013

	Hon Joseph Michael Francis, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business ; Veterans	5 August 2013	31 March 2016
	Hon Sean Kimberley L'Estrange, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Small Business	31 March 2016	17 March 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon Paul Papalia, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business ; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs	17 March 2017	6 April 2017
	Hon Paul Papalia, MLA	Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business ; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests (minor name change)	6 April 2017	13 March 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021	Hon Reece Raymond Whitby, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Racing and Gaming; Small Business ; Volunteering	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Donald (Don) Thomas, Punch MLA	Minister for Disability Services; Small Business ; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Jackie Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business	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

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