

## Ministers for Women's Interests in Western Australia

The first Ministry of Women's Interests was established in the Burke Government in 1983. There have been 15 Ministers responsible for the portfolio of Women's Interests in eight different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon Brian Thomas Burke, MLA	Premier and Cabinet, Treasurer, Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development, and Minister for Forests, Tourism and <b>Women's Interests</b>	25 Feb 1983	20 Dec 1984
		Premier and Cabinet, Treasurer, Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development, and Minister for <b>Women's Interests</b>	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		Premier, Treasurer, Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development, and Minister for <b>Women's Interests</b>	26 Feb 1986	29 Oct 1986
		Premier, Treasurer, Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development, and Minister for Public Sector Management and <b>Women's Interests</b>	29 Oct 1986	16 Mar 1987
		Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Public Sector Management and <b>Women's Interests</b>	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Peter M'Callum Dowding, MLA	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Productivity and Public Sector Management, and <b>Women's Interests</b>	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, and <b>Women's Interests</b>	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Local Government, Lands, the Family, the Aged, <b>Women's Interests</b> and Deputy Leader Govt LC	28 Feb 1988	12 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Hon Carmen Mary Lawrence, MLA	Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, and <b>Women's Interests</b> , Education and Aboriginal Affairs	13 Feb 1990	19 Feb 1990
		Premier, Treasurer Minister for Public Sector Management, the Family, Aboriginal Affairs, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs and <b>Women's Interests</b>	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991

		Premier, Treasurer Minister for Family and <b>Women's Interests</b> ,	5 Feb 1991	7 Sept 1992
	Hon Judyth Watson, MLA	Minister for Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, Seniors and <b>Women's Interests</b>	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwardes, MLA	Attorney General, <b>Minister for Women's Interests</b> , and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs	16 Feb 1993	8 Mar 1993
		<b>Minister for Women's Interests</b> , and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs and assisting Minister for Community Development with special responsibility for the Youth Justice Bureau	8 Mar 1993	1 Mar 1994
		Attorney General, <b>Minister for Women's Interests</b> , and Parliamentary and Electoral Affairs	1 Mar 1994	10 Feb 1995
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice and <b>Women's Interests</b>	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
		Minister for Family and Children's Services, Youth, Seniors, Fair Trading and <b>Women's Interests</b>	21 Dec 1995	3 Apr 1996
		Minister for Family and Children's Services, Seniors, Fair Trading and <b>Women's Interests</b>	3 Apr 1996	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Rhonda Kathleen Parker, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Seniors, Fair Trading and <b>Women's Interests</b>	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
	Hon June Dorothy van de Klashorst, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Seniors, Fair Trading and <b>Women's Interests</b>	22 Dec 1999	10 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development, <b>Women's Interests</b> , Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts	6 Mar 2001	10 Mar 2005
		Minister for Community Development, Culture and the Arts; <b>Women's Interests</b>	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006

	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Justice; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs Minister for Justice; Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	8 May 2006	9 May 2006
		Minister for Justice; Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 May 2006	26 May 2006
		Minister for Corrective Services; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	26 May 2006	9 Nov 2006
		Minister for Corrective Services; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 Nov 2006	13 Dec 2006
	Hon Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Communities; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Seniors and Volunteering	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013</b>	Hon Dr Elizabeth Constable, MLA	Minister for Education; Tourism; <b>Women's Interests</b>	23 Sept 2008	9 Feb 2009
	Hon Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors; Volunteering; <b>Women's Interests</b>	9 Feb 2009	28 Apr 2010
		Minister Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors; Volunteering and <b>Women's Interests</b>	28 Apr 2010	21 Mar 2013
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017</b>	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Small Business; <b>Women's Interests</b>	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
		Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; <b>Women's Interests</b>	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021</b>	Hon Simone Frances McGurk, MLA	Minister for Child Protection; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
<b>McGowan (ALP) 2021</b>	Hon Simone Frances McGurk, MLA	Minister for Child Protection; <b>Women's Interests</b> ; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery, MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce; <b>Women's Interests</b>	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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