

## Works Ministers of Western Australia

The first Works Ministry was established as the Director of Public Works in the Forrest Government in 1890. It changed to the Minister for Works in the Leake Oppositionist Government, 1901. There have been 43 Ministers for Works in 33 Governments. William James George was responsible for the Works Ministry in four different governments over eight years.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
<b>Forrest (Forrest) 1890 - 1901</b>	Hon Harry Whittall Venn MLA	Commissioner of Railway and Director of <b>Public Works</b>	29 Dec 1890	10 Mar 1896
	Hon Frederick Henry Piesse MLA	Commissioner of Railway and Director of <b>Public Works</b>	10 Mar 1896	23 Aug 1900
	Barrington Clarke Wood MLC	Commissioner of Railway and Director of <b>Public Works</b>	23 Aug 1900	15 Feb 1901
<b>Throssell (Forrest) 1901</b>	Barrington Clarke Wood MLC	Commissioner of Railway and Director of <b>Public Works</b>	15 Feb 1901	27 May 1901
<b>Leake (Opp) 1901</b>	Hon Walter Kingsmill MLA and MLC	<b>Minister for Works</b>	27 May 1901	21 Nov 1901
<b>Morgans (Min) 1901</b>	Hon Timothy Francis Quinlan MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	21 Nov 1901	23 Dec 1901
<b>Leake (Opp) 1901 - 1902</b>	Hon Cornthwaite Hector Rason MLC and MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	23 Dec 1901	1 July 1902
<b>James (Lib) 1902 - 1904</b>	Hon Cornthwaite Hector Rason MLC and MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Railways	1 July 1902	28 Apr 1904
	John Leighton Nanson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	28 Apr 1904	10 Aug 1904
<b>Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905</b>	Hon William Dartnell Johnson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	10 Aug 1904	7 June 1905
	Patrick Joseph Lynch MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 June 1905	4 Aug 1905
<b>Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906</b>	Hon Frank Wilson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
<b>Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910</b>	Hon James Price	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 May 1906	30 June 1909
	Hon Frank Wilson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	30 June 1909	16 Sept 1910

<b>Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911</b>	Hon Henry Daglish MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
<b>Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916</b>	Hon William Dartnell Johnson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	7 Oct 1911	16 Jan 1913
		<b>Minister for Works</b> and Water	16 Jan 1913	23 Nov 1914
	Hon William Charles Angwin MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b>	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916
<b>Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917</b>	Hon William James George MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Trading Concerns	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
<b>Lefroy (Lib) 1917 - 1919</b>	Hon William James George MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Trading Concerns and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
<b>Colebatch (Lib) 1919</b>	Hon William James George MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage and Trading Concerns	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924</b>	William James George MLA	<b>Minister for (Public) Works</b> and Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage and Trading Concerns	17 May 1919	15 Apr 1924
<b>Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930</b>	Hon Alexander McCallum MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Public Works</b> , Metropolitan Water Supply (Water Supply until 15 Dec 1927) and Trading Concerns	16 Apr 1924	23 Apr 1930
<b>Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933</b>	Hon John (Canaan) Lindsay MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Public Works</b> , Metropolitan Water Supply and Labour	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
<b>Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936</b>	Hon Alexander McCallum MLA	<b>Minister for Public Works</b> , Labour and Water Supply	24 Apr 1933	16 Mar 1935
	Hon James Joseph Kenneally MLA	Minster for Employment, <b>Public Works</b> and Labour	26 Mar 1935	13 May 1936
	Hon Harold Millington MLC and MLA	<b>Minister for Public Works</b> and Water Supply	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
<b>Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945</b>	Hon Harold Millington MLC and MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Water Supplies	20 Aug 1936	18 Apr 1939
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies and Employment	18 Apr 1939	9 Dec 1943

	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Industrial Development</b>	9 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
<b>Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947</b>	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Industrial Development</b>	31 July 1945	1 Apr 1947
<b>McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953</b>	Hon Victor Doney MLA	<b>Minister for Works and Water Supply</b>	1 Apr 1947	6 Apr 1950
	Hon Sir David Brand MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supply and Housing</b>	6 Apr 1950	24 Oct 1950
		<b>Minister for Works and Water Supply</b>	24 Oct 1950	23 Feb 1953
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>	Hon John Trezise Tonkin MLA	Minister for Education, <b>Works</b> and Water Supplies	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		<b>Minister for Works and Water Supplies</b>	13 May 1954	7 Dec 1955
		Deputy Premier, <b>Minister for Works and Water Supplies</b>	7 Dec 1955	2 Apr 1959
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Hon Gerald Percy Wild MLA	<b>Minister for Works and Water Supplies</b>	2 Apr 1959	11 Apr 1962
		<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Labour</b>	11 Apr 1962	16 Mar 1965
	Hon Ross Hutchinson MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies, Health, Fisheries and Fauna</b>	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
		<b>Minister for Works and Water Supplies</b>	17 Aug 1965	3 Mar 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Colin John Jamieson MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Electricity</b>	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		<b>Minister for Works and Water Supplies</b>	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Traffic Safety</b>	6 July 1972	8 Apr 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Hon Desmond Henry O'Neil MLA	<b>Minister for Works, Water Supplies and Housing</b>	8 Apr 1974	5 June 1975

		Deputy Premier, <b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies and the North-West	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Raymond James O'Connor MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies and Housing	10 Mar 1977	7 Aug 1978
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Supplies, Housing, and Labour and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Immigration	7 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
	Hon Andrew Mensaros MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Resources and Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic and Regional development and Housing	5 Mar 1980	12 Feb 1981
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Resources and Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic and Regional Development	12 Feb 1981	28 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Hon Andrew Mensaros MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Resources and Education and Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic and Regional Development	28 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Water Resources and Minister Assisting the Minister coordinating Economic and Regional Development	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Hon Kenneth Finlay Mclver MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Lands and Surveys	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Desmond Keith Dans MLC	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Services, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, and Leader of the Govt in LC	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		<b>Minister for Works</b> and Services, Water Resources, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, and Leader of the Govt in LC	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		<b>Minister for Works</b> and Services, Minister with Special responsibility for the America's Cup, and Leader of the Govt in LC	25 July 1986	16 Mar 1987

	Hon Peter M'Callum Dowding MLC and MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> and Services, Labour, Productivity and Employment, Minister assisting the Treasurer, and Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Manager	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	Hon Gavan Troy MLA	Minister for Labour, <b>Works</b> and Services, and Minister assisting the Minister for Productivity and Public Sector Management	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Yvonne Daphne Henderson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services and Consumer Affairs	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Pamela Ann Buchanan MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services, Regional Development and the Minister assisting the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	19 Feb 1990	20 Dec 1990
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services and the Minister assisting the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	20 Dec 1990	5 Feb 1991
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hon Graham Donald Kierath MLA	Minister for Labour Relations; <b>Works</b> , Services, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	5 Feb 1991	10 Feb 1995
	Hon Kevin John Minson MLA	Minister for Disability Services; <b>Works</b> ; Services; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Justice	10 Feb 1995	26 Apr 1996
		Minister for Mines; <b>Works</b> ; Services; Disability Services; Minister assisting the Minister for Justice	26 Apr 1996	9 Jan 1997
	Hon Michael Francis Board MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> ; Services; Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs; Youth	9 Jan 1997	11 Aug 1998
		<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services, Youth and Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	11 Aug 1998	22 Dec 1999
	Hon Robert (Rob) Frank Johnson MLA	<b>Minister for Works</b> , Services, Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Hon Thomas (Tom) Gregory Stephens, MLC and MLA	Minister for Housing, <b>Works</b> and Services, the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	16 Feb 2001	1 July 2001

		Minister for Housing, <b>Works</b> ; Local Government and Regional Development; Heritage; the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne	1 July 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon Nicholas (Nick) David Griffiths MLC	Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Racing and Gaming; Government Enterprises; Land Information	27 June 2003	10 Mar 2005
	Hon Francis (Fran) Michael Logan MLA	Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Heritage; and Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008</b>	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts MLA	Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Heritage; Indigenous Affairs; Land Information	13 Dec 2006	2 Mar 2007
		Minister for Employment Protection; Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information	2 Mar 2007	25 Feb 2008
		Minister for Housing and <b>Works</b> ; Indigenous Affairs; Heritage; Land Information	25 Feb 2008	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008</b>	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Commerce; Science and Innovation; Housing and <b>Works</b>	23 Sept 2008	27 Apr 2010
		*From 1 February 2009 responsibility for the “works” functions of the Department of Building and Works were transferred to the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF)		
	Hon Colin James Barnett MLA	Premier, <b>Treasurer</b> , Minister for State Development	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Simon O’Brien MLC	Minister for <b>Finance</b> ; Commerce; Small Business	14 Dec 2010	

## 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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