

Agriculture Ministers of Western Australia

A Minister for Agriculture was first established in the Daglish Government in 1904. Frank Joseph Scott Wise was Minister for Agriculture consecutively across three different Governments for ten years.

Ministry	Name, Seat and Occupation	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Daglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Hon John Michael Drew MLC	Colonial Secretary and Minister for Agriculture	7 June 1905	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Hon Newton James Moore MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	25 Aug 1905	7 May 1906
Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910	Hon Frank Wilson MLA	Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Agriculture and Education	7 May 1906	14 May 1909
		Colonial Treasurer, Minister for Agriculture	14 May 1909	30 June 1909
	Hon James Mitchell MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	30 June 1909	16 Sept 1910
Wilson (Lib) 1910 - 1911	Hon James Mitchell MLA	Minister for Lands, Agriculture and Industry	16 Sept 1910	7 Oct 1911
Scaddan (ALP) 1911 - 1916	Hon Thomas Henry Bath MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	7 Oct 1911	23 Nov 1914
	Hon William Dartnell Johnson MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	23 Nov 1914	27 July 1916
Wilson (Lib) 1916 - 1917	Hon Henry Bruce Lefroy MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	27 July 1916	28 June 1917
Lefroy 1917 - 1919	Hon Henry Bruce Lefroy MLA	Premier, Minister for Lands and Agriculture	28 June 1917	17 Apr 1919
Colebatch (Lib) 1919 - 1919	Hon Charles Farquharson Baxter MLC	Minister for Agriculture	17 Apr 1919	17 May 1919
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Hon Hal Pateshall Colebatch MLC	Minister for Public Health, Education, Agriculture and the North West	17 May 1919	3 Apr 1921

		Minister for Agriculture	12 Apr 1921	15 Apr 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Hon Michael Francis Troy MLA	Minister for Mines and Agriculture	16 Apr 1924	30 Apr 1927
		Minister for Agriculture , Lands and Immigration	30 Apr 1927	15 Dec 1927
	Hon Harold Millington MLC and MLA	Minister for Agriculture	15 Dec 1927	25 June 1928
		Minister for Agriculture and Police	25 June 1928	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Hon Percy Douglas Ferguson MLA	Minister for Agriculture	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon Harold Millington MLA	Minister for Agriculture , Police and the North West	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise MLA	Minister for Agriculture and the North West	26 Mar 1935	15 July 1936
		Minister for Agriculture and Education and Police	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise MLA	Minister for Education, Agriculture and Police	20 Aug 1936	24 Mar 1937
		Minister for Agriculture and Education	24 Mar 1937	18 Apr 1939
		Minister for Lands and Agriculture	18 Apr 1939	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise MLA	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Lands and Agriculture	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
	Hon John Trezise Tonkin MLA	Minister for Education, Agriculture and Social Services	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Hon Lindsay Thorn MLA	Minister for Lands, Labour and Agriculture	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Hon Garnet Barrington Wood MLC	Honorary Minister for Agriculture	5 Jan 1948	6 Apr 1950
		Honorary Minister for Agriculture and North West	6 Apr 1950	24 Oct 1950
		Minister for Agriculture and North West	24 Oct 1950	3 Jan 1952

	Hon Sir Charles George Latham MLA and MLC	Minister for Agriculture	3 Jan 1952	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Ernest Knight Hoar MLA	Minister for Lands and Agriculture	23 Feb 1953	17 Dec 1957
	Lionel Francis Kelly MLA	Minister for Lands, Agriculture and Fisheries	19 Dec 1957	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Crawford David Nalder MLA	Minister for Agriculture	2 Apr 1959	31 Jan 1962
		Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture	1 Feb 1962	11 Apr 1962
		Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture and Electricity	12 Apr 1962	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Hywel Daniel Evans MLA	Minister for Lands, Agriculture and Immigration	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
		Minister for Lands, Agriculture , Immigration and Forests	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Lands, Agriculture and Forests	7 Feb 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Walter Raymond McPharlin MLA	Deputy Premier, Minister for Agriculture	8 Apr 1974	20 May 1975
	Hon Richard Charles Old MLA	Minister for Agriculture	5 June 1975	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Richard Charles Old MLA	Minister for Primary Industry, Agriculture , Fisheries and Wildlife	25 Jan 1982	23 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Hywel David Evans MLA	Minister for Agriculture , Fisheries and Wildlife	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill MLA	Minister for Agriculture , the South West, Fisheries, Transport and the North West	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		Minister for Agriculture , the South West and Fisheries	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Agriculture , the South West, Fisheries, and the North West	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988

Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Julian Fletcher Grill MLA	Minister for Agriculture , the South West and Fisheries	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge MLA	Minister for Agriculture , Water Resources, and the North West	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Ernest Francis Bridge, MLA	Minister for Agriculture , Water Resources, and the North West	19 Feb 1990	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Montague Grant House MLA	Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (name change)	16 Feb 1993	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Kimberley Maurice Chance, MLC	Minister for Agriculture , Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and the Great Southern	16 Feb 2001	21 Sept 2004
		Minister for Agriculture , Forestry and Fisheries; the Midwest, Wheatbelt and the Great Southern	21 Sept 2004	10 Mar 2005
		Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; the Mid-West and Wheatbelt	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Kimberley Maurice Chance, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; the Mid West and Wheatbelt; Great Southern	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Donald Terrence (Terry) Redman, MLA (Nationals)	Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; Minister Assisting the Minister for Education	23 Sept 2008	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; Corrective Services	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
		Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry and Housing	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Kenneth Charles Baston, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Dean Cambell Nalder, MLA	Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Transport	31 Mar 2016	20 Sept 2016
	Hon Mark William Lewis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food	23 Sept 2016	17 Mar 2017

McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Alannah MacTiernan, MLC	Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food ; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade	17 Mar 2017	13 Dec 2018
		Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food ; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade	13 Dec 2018	13 Mar 2021
		Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture and Food ; Hydrogen Industry	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
	Hon Jackie Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; Small Business	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Jackie Jarvis, MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food ; Forestry; Small Business	8 June 2023	

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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