

Child, Family and Community Services Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Child Welfare was James Joseph Kenneally in the Collier Labor Government in 1933.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon James Joseph Kenneally, MLA	Minister for Employment, Child Welfare , Industrial Development	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1936

There was no separate Ministry for Child Welfare in the Willcock Government (1936 - 1945) and Wise Government (1945 - 1947)

McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Hon Arthur Frederick Watts, MLA, (CMG)	Minister for Education, Child Welfare and Industrial Development	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Albert Redvers George Hawke, MLA	Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare and Industrial Development	23 Feb 1953	13 May 1954
		Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare	13 May 1954	19 Dec 1957
		Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare and Industrial Development	19 Dec 1957	13 Nov 1958
		Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Child Welfare	13 Nov 1958	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Leslie Arthur Logan, MLC	Chief Secretary, Minister for Local Government, Town Planning and Child Welfare	2 Apr 1959	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon William Francis Willesee, MLC	Minister for Community Welfare and Leader of Government in Legislative Council	3 Mar 1971	7 Feb 1973
	Hon Ronald Thompson, MLC	Minister for Community Welfare	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
		Minister for Police, Community Welfare and Tourism	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Norman Eric Baxter, MLC	Minister for Health and Community Welfare	8 Apr 1974	20 May 1975

		Minister for Health and Community Welfare	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon Keith Alan Ridge	Minister for Health and Community Welfare	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon Raymond Laurence Young, MLA	Minister for Health and Community Welfare	25 Aug 1978	5 Mar 1980
	William Ralph Boucher Hassell, MLA	Chief Secretary, Minister for Police and Traffic, and Community Welfare	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Raymond Laurence Young	Minister for Health, Community Welfare , Housing and Consumer Affairs	25 Jan 1982	14 May 1982
	Richard Steele Shalders, MLA	Minister for Community Welfare , Housing and Consumer Affairs	14 May 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Keith James Wilson, MLA	Minister for Housing, Youth and Community Services with special responsibility for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Sport and Recreation	25 Feb 1983	12 May 1986
	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
		Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, and Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Elsie Kay Hallahan, MLC	Minister for Community Services , the Family, Youth, the Aged, Minister assisting the Minister for Women's Issues, and Leader of the Government in Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
	David Lawrence Smith, MLA	Minister for Community Services , Justice and the South West	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	David Lawrence Smith, MLA	Minister for Community Services , Justice and the South West	19 Feb 1990	5 Feb 1991

	Hon Eric Stephen Ripper, MLA	Minister for Community Services	5 Feb 1991	20 Aug 1991
		Minister for Community Services and Disability Services	20 Aug 1991	7 Sept 1992
		Minister for the Family, Community Development, Youth Justice, and Disability Services and Leader of the House in LA (from 26 Oct 1992)	7 Sept 1992	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 (Department name change to Family and Children's Services)	29 June 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwardes, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Youth, Seniors, Fair Trading and Women's Interests	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
	Rhonda Kathleen Parker, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Seniors and Women's Interests	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
	June Dorothy van de Klashorst, MLA	Minister for Family and Children's Services, Seniors, and Women's Interests	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts	16 Feb 2001	6 Mar 2001
		Minister for Community Development; Women's Interests; Seniors and Youth; Disability Services; Culture and the Arts	6 Mar 2001	10 Mar 2005
		Minister for Community Development; Cultural and the Arts; Women's Interests	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Sheila Margaret McHale, MLA	Minister for Community Development; Cultural and the Arts; Women's Interests	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006

	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
	Hon David Alan Templeman, MLA	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; Communities; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering	2 Mar 2007	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering	23 Sept 2008	13 Jan 2009
	Hon Robyn Mary McSweeney, MLC	Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests	13 Jan 2009	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors; Volunteering; Women's Interests and Youth	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Anthony James Simpson, MLA	Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth	21 Mar 2013	20 Sept 2016
	Hon Helen Margaret Morton MLC	Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Andrea Ruth Mitchell, MLA	Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon Simone Frances McGurk, MLA	Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
McGowan (ALP) 2021 - 2023		Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022

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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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