

Emergency Services Ministers of Western Australia

The First Minister for Emergency Services was Edgar Cyril Rushton in the O'Connor Liberal Government in 1982. The Portfolio of Emergency Services is responsible for State Emergency Services and Fire Services. Since 1982, there have been 19 Ministers for Emergency Services in nine different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon Edgar Cyril Rushton, MLA	Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Emergency Services	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Jeffrey Phillip Carr, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services and Local Government	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Arthur Raymond Tonkin, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services and Water Resources	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
	Hon Robert John Pearce, MLA	Minister for Education, Planning, Police and Emergency Services	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Honorary Minister assisting Ministers for Police and Emergency Services & Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services and Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	25 July 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Ian Frederick Taylor, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services , and Minister assisting the Treasurer	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Police & Emergency Services , Conservation & Land Management, and Waterways	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Graham John Edwards, MLC	Minister for Police, Emergency Services and the Aged	19 Feb 1990	27 Feb 1991
		Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Sport and Recreation	27 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993
Court (ALP) 1993 - 2001	Hon Robert Laurence Wiese, MLA	Minister for Police; and Emergency Services	16 Feb 1993	9 Jan 1997
	Hon John Howard Dadley Day, MLA	Minister for Police; Emergency Services	9 Jan 1997	28 July 1998

	Hon Anthony Kevin Royston Prince, MLA	Minister for Police; Emergency Services	28 July 1998	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Justice; Community Safety	16 Feb 2001	08 Mar 2001
		Minister for Police & Emergency Service	8 Mar 2001	27 June 2003
		Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Justice and Community Safety	27 June 2003	26 Feb 2005
		Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Community Safety from	10 Mar 2005	26 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 – 2008	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Community Safety	26 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Justice; Community Safety	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Police & Emergency Services ; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport & Recreation	8 May 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2013	Hon Robert (Rob) Frank Johnson, MLA	Minister for Police; Emergency Services ; Road Safety	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Police; Emergency Services ; Road Safety	28 Apr 2010	5 Dec 2011
	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Minister for Housing, Transport and Emergency Services	5 Dec 2011	29 June 2012
		Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Emergency Services	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
Barnett (Lib) 2013 - 2017	Hon Joseph (Joe) Michael Francis, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services ; Corrective Services; Veterans	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Joseph (Joe) Michael Francis, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services ; Fisheries; Corrective Services; Veterans	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2021	Hon Francis Michael Logan, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services ; Corrective Services	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021

McGowan (ALP) 2021 - 2023	Hon Reece Raymond Whitby, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Volunteering	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC	Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Medical Research; Volunteering	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLC	Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade.	8 June 2023	

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
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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