

Mental Health Ministers of Western Australia

On the 4 February 2010, Premier Barnett announced the creation of a new department, the Mental Health Commission, to lead mental health reform throughout the State. The Commission became effective on 8 March 2010. The Commission was created initially by transferring existing resources of the Mental Health Division of the Department of Health. Its focus is on mental health strategic policy; planning; procurement and performance monitoring; and evaluation of services.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Dr Graham Gibson Jacobs	Minister for Mental Health	23 Sept 2008	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Helen Margaret Morton MLC	Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services	14 Dec 2010	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Helen Margaret Morton MLC	Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services; Child Protection	21 Mar 2013	31 Mar 2016
	Hon Andrea Ruth Mitchell, MLA	Minister for Mental Health; Child Protection	31 Mar 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Roger Hugh Cook, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Mental Health	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Stephen Noel Dawson, MLA	Minister for Mental Health; Aboriginal Affairs; Industrial Relations	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Health; Mental Health	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health	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

Sources

1. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 163, (Special) 23 September 2008.
2. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 66, (Special) 29 April 2010.
3. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 225, (Special) 12 December 2013.
4. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 57, (Special), 5 April, 2016
5. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 59, (Special), 17 March 2017.
6. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 49, (Special), 19 March 2021.
7. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 217, (Special), 21 December 2021.
8. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 181, (Special), 15 December 2022.
9. *Western Australian Government Gazette*, No. 69, (Special), 8 June 2023.