

Police Ministers of Western Australia

A Police Ministry was first introduced in the Mitchell Nationalist Government in 1919. There have been 34 Ministers responsible for the Police portfolio in 21 different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 – 1924	Hon John Scaddan, MLA	Minister for Police , Industries, and Forests	25 June 1919	22 Mar 1924
Collier (ALP) 1924 - 1930	Hon John Collings Willcock, MLA	Minister for Police	16 Apr 1924	25 June 1928
	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Agriculture and Police	25 June 1928	23 Apr 1930
Mitchell (Nat) 1930 - 1933	Hon John Scaddan, MLA	Minister for Railways, Mines, Police , Forests and Industry	24 Apr 1930	24 Apr 1933
Collier (ALP) 1933 - 1936	Hon Harold Millington, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Police and North West	24 Apr 1933	26 Mar 1935
		Minister for Water Supplies, Education and Police	26 Mar 1935	15 July 1936
	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Education and Police	15 July 1936	19 Aug 1936
Willcock ((ALP) 1936 - 1945	Hon Frank Joseph Scott Wise, MLA	Minister for Agriculture, Education and Police	20 Aug 1936	24 Mar 1937
	Hon William Henry Kitson, MLC	Chief Secretary and Minister for Police	24 Mar 1937	18 Apr 1939
		Chief Secretary and Minister for Police	9 Dec 1943	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 – 1947	Hon William Henry Kitson, MLC	Chief Secretary and Minister for Police	31 July 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 - 1953	Robert Ross McDonald, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Police and Native Affairs	1 Apr 1947	5 Jan 1948
	Hon Hubert Stanley Wyborn Parker, MLA, MLC	Chief Secretary and Minister for Mines, Police and Native Affairs	5 Jan 1948	7 Oct 1949

		Chief Secretary and Minister for Mines and Police	7 Oct 1949	6 Apr 1950
	Hon Arthur Valentine Rutherford Abbott, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Police and Fisheries	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Herbert Henry Styants, MLA	Minister for Railways, Transport and Police	23 Feb 1953	14 Apr 1956
	Hon John Joseph Brady, MLA	Minister for Native Welfare and Police	20 Apr 1956	2 Apr 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Hon Charles Collier Perkins, MLA	Minister for Transport, Police , Labour and Native Welfare	2 Apr 1959	7 Nov 1961
	Hon George Meredith Cornell, MLA	Minister for Transport, Police and Native Welfare	16 Nov 1961	11 Apr 1962
	Hon James Frederick Craig, MLA	Minister for Transport, Police and Native Welfare	12 Apr 1962	16 Mar 1965
		Chief Secretary and Minister for Police and Traffic	16 Mar 1965	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon John Dolan, MLC	Minister for Police and Transport	3 Mar 1971	30 Sept 1971
		Minister for Police , Transport and Railways	12 Oct 1971	7 Feb 1973
		Minister for Police , Transport and Railways and Leader of the Govt in LC	7 Feb 1973	30 May 1973
	Hon Ronald Thompson, MLC	Minister for Police , Community Welfare and Tourism	30 May 1973	8 Apr 1974
Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Minister for Transport, Traffic and Police	8 Apr 1974	1 May 1974
		Minister for Transport, Police , Traffic and Traffic Safety	1 May 1974	5 June 1975
		Minister for Transport, Police , Traffic	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon William Ralph Boucher Hassell, MLA	Chief Secretary and Minister for Police and Traffic and Community Welfare	5 Mar 1980	25 Jan 1982
O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983	Hon William Ralph Boucher Hassell, MLA	Minister for Police and Prisons and Minister assisting the Minister for Emergency Services	25 Jan 1982	30 Dec 1982

	Hon Ian George Medcalf, MLC,	Attorney General and Minister for Federal Affairs and Police and Leader of Govt LC	30 Dec 1982	25 Feb 1983
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Jeffrey Phillip Carr, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Local Government	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986
	Hon Arthur Raymond Tonkin, MLA	Minister for Police and 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 and Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	12 May 1986	25 July 1986
	Hon Gordon Leslie Hill, MLA	Minister for Police and 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 and Emergency Services, and Minister assisting the Treasurer	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Conservation and 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 Dudley 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 and Emergency Services; Justice; Community Safety	16 Feb 2001	8 Mar 2001
		Minister for Police and Emergency Service	8 Mar 2001	27 June 2003
		Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice and Community Safety	27 June 2003	26 Feb 2005

		Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety	25 Jan 2006	3 Feb 2006
	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice; Community Safety	3 Feb 2006	9 May 2006
	Hon John Charles Kobelke, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Community Safety; Water Resources; Sport and Recreation	9 May 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	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
		Minister for Police and Road Safety	5 Dec 2011	29 June 2012
	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Minister for Police and Road Safety	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Small Business; Women's Interests	21 Mar 2013	16 Feb 2016
	Hon Liza Mary Harvey, MLA	Deputy Premier; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Training and Workforce Development; Women's Interests	16 Feb 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon Paul Papalia, MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023 -	Hon Paul Papalia, MLA	Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues	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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