

Prisons or Corrective Services Ministers of Western Australia

The first Minister for Prisons was Joseph Max Berinson in the Burke Labor Government in 1983. He served as concurrent Minister for Prisons across three different Labor Governments. Prior to the creation of a Prisons Ministry the responsibility for Prisons was with the Minister for Justice or the Attorney General. There have been 14 different Ministers for Prisons/Corrective Services in nine different Governments.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and for Prisons	19 Apr 1983	31 May 1983
		Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and Defence Liaison, Prisons and Minister assisting the Treasurer	31 May 1983	23 Dec 1983
		Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and Minister for Prisons	23 Dec 1983	26 Feb 1986
		Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and Prisons and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	26 Feb 1986	16 Mar 1987
	Name change from Prisons to Corrective Services	Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and Corrective Services and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	16 Mar 1987	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Budget Management and Corrective Services and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	25 Feb 1988	19 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Joseph Max Berinson, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Corrective Services and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	19 Feb 1990	30 Apr 1990
		Attorney General, Minister for Resources, Corrective Services and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	30 Apr 1990	20 Dec 1990
		Attorney General, Minister for Corrective Services and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	20 Dec 1990	16 Feb 1993

Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001		Corrective Services was part of the Justice Ministry		
	Hon Cheryl Lynn Edwards, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Women's Interests	16 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995
	Hon Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Justice , the Environment and the Arts	21 Dec 1995	9 Jan 1997
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice and the Arts	9 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
		Attorney General, Minister for Justice	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon James (Jim) Andrew McGinty, MLA	Attorney General, Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs, Electoral Affairs Peel and South West	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	Hon Michelle Hopkins Roberts, MLA	Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice , Community Safety	27 June 2003	10 Mar 2005
	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Justice and Small Business	10 Mar 2005	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon John Biase D'Orazio, MLA	Minister for Justice and Small Business	25 Jan 2006	8 May 2006
		Minister for Police and Emergency Services; Justice ; Community Safety	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
	Hon Margaret Mary Quirk, MLA	Minister for Justice ; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	8 May 2006	9 May 2006
		Minister for Justice ; Disability Services; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 May 2006	26 May 2006
	Justice Department name change to Department of Corrective Services	Minister for Corrective Services ; Women's Interests; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	26 May 2006	9 Nov 2006
		Minister for Corrective Services ; Women's Interests; Small Business; Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal Affairs	9 Nov 2006	13 Dec 2006
		Minister for Corrective Services ; Small Business; Women's Interests (until 2 March 2007); Minister Assisting the Minister for Federal-State Relations	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008

Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Charles Christian (Christian) Porter, MLA	Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Attorney General; Minister for Corrective Services	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Donald Terrance (Terry) Redman, MLA	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Corrective Services	14 Dec 2010	29 June 2012
	Hon Murray John Cowper, MLA	Minister for Training and Workforce Development and Corrective Services	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Joseph Michael Francis, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services ; Veterans	21 Mar 2013	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Francis Michael Logan, MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services	17 Mar 2017	13 Mar 2021
	Hon William (Bill) Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services	19 Mar 2021	21 Dec 2021
	Hon William (Bill) Joseph Johnston, MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services ; Industrial Relations	21 Dec 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services ; Industrial Relations	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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