

Transport Ministers of Western Australia

In the Wise Labor Government of 1945, the Railways Ministry expanded to include Transport and then the two portfolios amalgamated in Sir Charles Court's Liberal Government, from 1974 to 1982. In 1993, during Richard Court's Liberal Government, the State Rail Freight service was sold. The public railway service Westrail and Metro-bus remained the responsibility of the Department of Transport. In Geoff Gallop's Labor Government, 2001 the Transport portfolio was absorbed into the Department of Planning and Infrastructure under Hon Alannah MacTiernan's portfolio. In 2008, the Barnett Liberal Government re-established a Minister responsible for Transport.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Hon Emil Nulsen, MLA	Minister for Justice and Railways	31 July 1945	3 Aug 1945
	Hon William Mortimer Marshall, MLA	Minister for Mines, Railways and Transport	3 Aug 1945	1 Apr 1947
McLarty (Lib) 1947 -1953	Hon Harry Stephen Seward, MLA	Minister for Railways and Transport	1 Apr 1947	6 Apr 1950
	Hon Charles Herbert Simpson, MLC	Minister for Transport, Railways and Mines	6 Apr 1950	23 Feb 1953
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Hon Herbert Henry Styants, MLA	Minister for Railway, Transport and Police	23 Feb 1953	14 Apr 1956
	Hon Harry Charles Strickland, MLA	Minister for Railways , North-West and Supply and Shipping	20 Apr 1956	13 Nov 1958
		Leader of Govt in LC, Minister for Railways , the North-West and Supply and shipping	13 Nov 1958	2 Apr 1959
	Hon Herbert Ernst Graham, MLA	Minister for Transport , Housing, and Forests (Transport was separated from Railways)	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	16 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	12 Apr 1962	16 Mar 1965

	Hon Charles Walter Michael Court, MLA	Minister for Industrial Development, Transport , Railways and the North West	16 Mar 1965	17 Aug 1965
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	Hon Raymond James O'Connor, MLA	Minister for Transport and Railways (Honorary Minister for Railways and Transport 16 Feb 1956 - 17 Aug 1965)	16 Feb 1967	3 Mar 1971
Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974	Hon Ronald Edward Bertram	Attorney General and Minister for Railways	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon John Dolan, MLC	Minister for Police and Transport	3 Mar 1971	12 Oct 1971
	Hon John Dolan, MLC	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
		Minister for Education Transport and Railways and Leader of the Govt in LC	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 and Traffic	5 June 1975	10 Mar 1977
	Hon David John Wordsworth, MLC	Minister for Transport	10 Mar 1977	25 Aug 1978
	Hon Edgar Cyril Rushton, MLA	Minister for Transport	25 Aug 1978	25 Jan 1982
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 Julian Fletcher Grill, MLA	Minister for Transport , Regional Development, and the North-West with special responsibility for Bunbury 2000	25 Feb 1983	26 Feb 1986

		Minister for Agriculture, the South-West, Fisheries, Transport and the North West	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
	Hon Gavan John Troy, MLA	Minister for Transport and Small Business	12 May 1986	25 Feb 1988
Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	Hon Robert John Pearce, MLA	Minister for Transport , Planning, Parliamentary and Electoral Reform, Intergovernmental Relations and Leader of the House in the LA	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Minister for Transport , Environment, and Leader of the House in the LA	28 Feb 1989	19 Feb 1990
Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	Hon Pamela Anne Beggs, MLA	Minister for Transport , Racing and Gaming and Tourism	19 Feb 1990	16 Feb 1993
Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Hon Eric James Charlton, MLC	Minister for Transport	16 Feb 1993	28 July 1998
	Hon Murray James Criddle, MLC	Minister for Transport	28 July 1998	16 Feb 2001
Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	Hon Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, MLA	Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (included Transport)	16 Feb 2001	25 Jan 2006
Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	Hon Alannah Joan Geraldine MacTiernan, MLA	Minister for Planning and Infrastructure (included Transport)	25 Jan 2006	23 Sept 2008
Barnett (Lib) 2008 - 2017	Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC	Minister for Transport ; Disability Services	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		Minister for Transport ; Disability Services	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Minister for Transport ; Housing	14 Dec 2010	5 Dec 2011
		Minister for Housing; Transport and Emergency Services	5 Dec 2011	29 June 2012
		Treasurer, Minister for Transport and Emergency Services	29 June 2012	21 Mar 2013
	Hon Troy Raymond Buswell, MLA	Treasurer, Minister for Transport ; Fisheries	21 Mar 2013	10 Mar 2014
	Hon Colin James Barnett, MLA	Premier, Treasurer, Minister for	10 Mar 2014	17 Mar 2014

		Transport; State Development; Science		
	Hon Dean Cambell Nalder, MLA	Minister for Transport; Finance	17 Mar 2014	31 Mar 2016
		Minister for Agriculture and Food; Transport	31 Mar 2016	20 Sept 2016
	Hon William (Bill) Richard Marmion, MLA	Minister for State Development; Transport; Innovation	23 Sept 2016	17 Mar 2017
McGowan (ALP) 2017 - 2023	Hon Rita Saffioti, MLA	Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands	17 Mar 2017	13 Dec 2018
		Minister for Transport; Planning	13 Dec 2018	19 Mar 2021
		Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports	19 Mar 2021	14 Dec 2022
		Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports	14 Dec 2022	8 June 2023
Cook (ALP) 2023	Hon Rita Saffioti, MLA	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism	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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