

### Deputy Premiers of Western Australia

The position of Deputy Premier was first introduced in the Hawke Labour Government in 1955. The first recognised Deputy Premier was John Trezise Tonkin, since then there have been 15 Deputy Premiers in 12 different Governments. The role of the Deputy Premier is to deputise for the Premier when he/she is away or unable to attend an event. The Deputy Premiers position is recognised in the Salaries & Allowance Tribunal determinations.

Ministry	Name	Ministry Title	Assumption of Office Date	Retirement Of Office Date
<b>Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959</b>	John Trezise Tonkin	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Works & Water Supplied	07 Dec 1955	2 April 1959
<b>Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971</b>	Gerald Walter Watts, CMG	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Education & Electricity & Attorney General	2 April 1959	31 Jan 1962
	Crawford David Nalder	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , & Minister for Agriculture	1 Feb 1962	12 April 1962
		<b>Deputy Premier</b> , & Minister for Agriculture & Electricity	12 April 1962	3 March 1971
<b>Tonkin (ALP) 1971 - 1974</b>	Herbert Ernst Graham	<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Industrial development, & Decentralisation & Town Planning	3 March 1971	12 Oct 1971
		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Development & Decentralisation, Town Planning & the North-West	12 Oct 1971	6 July 1972
		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Development & Decentralisation, & the North-West	6 July 1972	30 May 1973
	Alexander Donald Taylor	<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Development & Decentralisation	30 May 1973	8 April 1974
<b>Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982</b>	Walter Raymond McPharlin	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Agriculture	8 April 1974	20 May 1975
	Desmond Henry O'Neil (Kt, 1980)	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Works, Water Supplies & the North-West	5 June 1975	10 March 1977
		<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Chief Secretary, Minister for Police & Traffic, & Minister for Regional Administration & the North-West	10 March 1977	5 March 1980
	Raymond James O'Connor	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Immigration, Regional Administration & the North-West & Tourism	5 March 1980	12 Feb 1981
		<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Labour & Industry, Consumer Affairs & Immigration	12 Feb 1981	25 Jan 1982
<b>O'Connor (Lib) 1982 - 1983</b>	Edgar Cyril Rushton	<b>Deputy Premier</b> , Minister for Transport & Emergency Services	25 Jan 1982	25 Feb 1983
<b>Burke (ALP) 1983 - 1988</b>	Malcolm John Bryce	<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Economic Development & Technology	25 Feb 1983	23 Dec 1983
		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister</b> for Industrial Development, Technology & Defence Liaison	23 Dec 1983	20 Dec 1984

		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister for Industrial Development Small Business Technology, Communications &amp; Defence Liaison</b>	20 Dec 1984	26 Feb 1986
		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister for Industry &amp; Technology, Small Business, Defence Liaison, Communications &amp; Parliamentary &amp; Electoral Reform</b>	26 Feb 1986	12 May 1986
		<b>Deputy Premier &amp; Minister for Industry &amp; Technology, Defence Liaison, Communications &amp; Parliamentary &amp; Electoral Reform</b>	12 May 1986	25 Feb 1988
<b>Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990</b>	David Charles Parker	<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Economic Development &amp; Trade</b>	25 Feb 1988	28 Feb 1989
		Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Resources Development & the Arts	28 Feb 1989	13 Feb 1990
<b>Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993</b>	Ian Frederick Taylor	<b>Deputy Premier, Minister for Police &amp; Emergency Services &amp; conservation &amp; Land Management</b>	13 Feb 1990	19 Feb 1990
		<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Finance &amp; Economic Development &amp; Goldfields</b>	19 Feb 1990	30 April 1990
		<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Finance &amp; Economic Development, Trade &amp; Goldfields</b>	30 April 1990	20 Dec 1990
		<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for State Development, Goldfields &amp; Mid-West</b>	20 Dec 1990	7 Sept 1992
		<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Health, State Development &amp; Goldfields</b>	7 Sept 1992	16 Feb 1993
<b>Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001</b>	Hendy John Cowan	<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Commerce &amp; Trade</b>	16 Feb 1993	10 Feb 1995
		<b>Deputy Premier, &amp; Minister for Commerce &amp; Trade, Regional Development &amp; Small Business</b>	10 Feb 1995	16 Feb 2001
<b>Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006</b>	Eric Stephen Ripper	<b>Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Energy</b>	16 Feb 2001	10 March 2005
		<b>Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management</b>	10 March 2005	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2007
<b>Carpenter (ALP) 2006- 2008</b>	Eric Stephen Ripper	<b>Deputy Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; Minister assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management</b>	25 Jan 2006	13 Dec 2006
		<b>Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for State Development</b>	13 Dec 2006	23 Sept 2008
<b>Barnett (Lib) 2008</b>	Dr Kim Desmond Hames	<b>Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs</b>	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		<b>Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Indigenous Affairs</b>	28 Apr 2010	14 Dec 2010
		<b>Deputy Premier; Minister for Health; Tourism</b>	14 Dec 2010	

## 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

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