

Justice Ministers of Western Australia

There have been 17 Justice Ministers across 15 different Governments with the first Justice Ministry established in the Dalglish Government in 1904. Emil Nulsen was Minister for Justice in 3 different Labor Ministries 1939 - 1947 & 1953 - 1959.

Ministry	Name		Assumption of Office Date	Retirement of Office Date
Dalglish (ALP) 1904 - 1905	Robert Hastie	Minister for Justice	10 Aug 1904	25 Aug 1905
Rason (Lib) 1905 - 1906	Cornthwaite Hector	Premier, Colonial Secretary & Minister for Justice	25 Aug 1905	07 May 1906
Moore (Min) 1906 - 1910	Newton James Moore	Premier, Minister for Lands & Justice	14 May 1909	30 June 1909
No Minister for Justice in the Wilson (Lib 1910-1911), Scaddan (ALP 1911-1916), Wilson (Lib 1916 - 1917), Lefroy (Lib 1917 - 1919) & Colebatch (Lib 1919) Governments				
Mitchell (Nat) 1919 - 1924	Hal Pateshall Colebatch	Minister for Education, North West & Justice	03 April 1921	17 June 1923
	John Ewing, MLC <i>Succeeded Colebatch</i>	Minister for Education, North West & Justice	18 June 1923	15 April 1924
Collier(ALP) 1933 - 1936	John Collings Willcock	Minister for Justice , Railways & Education	24 April 1933	26 March 1935
		Minister for Justice & Railways	26 Mar 1935	19 Aug 1936
Willcock (ALP) 1936 - 1945	Frederick Charles Lee Smith	Minister for Justice & Railways	27 Aug 1936	29 March 1939
	Emil Nulsen	Minister for Justice & Railways	29 March 1939	31 July 1945
Wise (ALP) 1945 - 1947	Emil Nulsen	Minister for Justice & Railways	31 July 1945	03 Aug 1945
		Minister for Justice & Health	03 Aug 1945	01 April 1947
No Minister for Justice in the McLarty (Lib 1947 - 1953) Government				
Hawke (ALP) 1953 - 1959	Emil Nulsen	Minister for Health & Justice	23 Feb 1953	02 April 1959
Brand (Lib) 1959 - 1971	Arthur Frederick Griffith	Minister for Mines, Housing & Justice & Leader of Govt LC	1 Feb 1962	16 March 1965
		Minister for Mines, Justice & Leader of Government Legislative Council	16 March 1965	03 March 1971
No Minister for Justice in the Tonkin (ALP 1971 - 1974) Government				

Court (Lib) 1974 - 1982	Neil McNeill, MLC	Minister for Justice & Leader of Government Legislative Council	08 April 1974	05 June 1975
		Minister for Justice & Chief Secretary & Leader of Government Legislative Council	05 June 1975	10 March 1977

No Minister for Justice in the O'Connor (Lib 1982 - 1983) & Burke (ALP 1983- 1988) Governments

Dowding (ALP) 1988 - 1990	David Lawrence Smith	Minister for Community Services, Justice & South West	28 Feb 1989	12 Feb 1990
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Lawrence (ALP) 1990 - 1993	David Lawrence Smith	Minister for Community Services, Justice & South West	19 Feb 1990	05 Feb 1991
		Minister for Lands, Planning, Justice , Local Government & South West	05 Feb 1991	16 Feb 1993

Court (Lib) 1993 - 2001	Cheryl Lynn Edwardes	Attorney General, Minister for Justice & Women's Interests	10 Feb 1995	21 Dec 1995	
		Peter Gilbert da Conceicao Foss, MLC	Attorney General, Minister for Justice , the Environment & the Arts	21 Dec 1995	09 Jan 1997
			Attorney General, Minister for Justice & the Arts	09 Jan 1997	22 Dec 1999
			Attorney General, Minister for Justice	22 Dec 1999	16 Feb 2001

Gallop (ALP) 2001 - 2006	James Andrew McGinty	Attorney General, Minister for Justice & Legal Affairs, Electoral Affairs Peel & South West	16 Feb 2001	27 June 2003
	Michelle Hopkins Roberts	Minister for Police & Emergency Services; Justice , Community Safety	27 June 2003	10 March 2005
	John Biase D'Orazio	Minister for Justice & Small Business	10 March 2005	25 Jan 2006

Carpenter (ALP) 2006 - 2008	John Biase D'Orazio	Minister for Police & Emergency Services; Justice ; Community Safety	3 Feb 2006	8 May 2006
	Quirk, Margaret	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
	James Andrew McGinty	No Separate Justice Ministry, name change to Department of Attorney General	26 May 2006	23 Sept 2008

Barnett (Lib) 2008	Charles Christian (Christian) Porter	No Separate Justice Ministry, see Attorney General	23 Sept 2008	28 Apr 2010
		No Separate Justice Ministry, see Attorney General	28 Apr 2010	12 June 2012
	Norman Frederick Moore, MLC	No Separate Justice Ministry, see Attorney General Temporary, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Fisheries and Electoral Affairs	12 June 2012	29 June 2012
	Michael Mischin, MLC	No separate Justice Ministry, see Attorney General	29 June 2012	
Barnett (Lib) 2013		No separate Justice Ministry, see Attorney General	21 March 2013	

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

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