



Acting minister arrangements

1 January to 31 March 2024

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Watt	29 March	12 April	C King

Attorney-General's

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Dreyfus	29 January	3 February	Gallagher

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Plibersek	25 December	21 January	Watt (25 December to 9 January) Bowen (10 to 21 January)
Bowen	28 December	9 January	Watt

Defence

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Conroy	25 December	14 January	Giles
O'Neil	25 December	22 January	Giles
Marles	2 January	22 January	Keogh (2 to 7 January) Thistlethwaite (8 to 9 January) Bowen (10 to 14 January) Conroy (15 to 22 January)
Keogh	8 January	14 January	Thistlethwaite
Conroy	29 January	31 January	Keogh
Keogh	20 February	24 February	Thistlethwaite
Marles	22 February	24 February	Conroy

Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	25 December	12 January	Rowland
Aly	26 December	8 January	Rowland

Employment and Workplace Relations

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
O'Connor	23 December	21 January	Burke (23 to 31 December) Watt (1 to 12 January) Clare (13 to 21 January)
Burke	7 January	14 January	Butler
O'Connor	19 February	24 February	Burke

Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Gallagher	8 January	15 January	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)
Gallagher	19 February	24 February	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)
Farrell	24 February	1 March	Rishworth
Gallagher	8 March	15 March	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wong	17 December	7 January	Dreyfus
Conroy	25 December	14 January	Giles
Wong	15 January	20 January	Chalmers
Conroy	29 January	31 January	Keogh
Farrell	24 February	1 March	Rishworth
Wong	26 February	1 March	Marles
Wong	16 March	18 March	Dreyfus

Health and Aged Care

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Butler	1 January	4 January	Wells
Wells	7 January	14 January	Butler
Butler	15 January	21 January	Wells

Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
O'Neil	25 December	22 January	Giles
Watt	29 March	12 April	C King

Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Husic	25 December	9 January	Burke (25 December to 5 January) Gallagher (6 to 7 January) Farrell (8 to 9 January)
M King	28 January	3 February	Rishworth
M King	2 March	10 March	Rishworth

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McBain	15 December	21 January	M King (15 December to 7 January) C King (8 to 21 January)
C King	27 December	7 January	Gallagher
Burke	7 January	14 January	Butler
M King	28 January	3 February	Rishworth
Rowland	19 February	29 February	Dreyfus
M King	2 March	10 March	Rishworth (2 to 8 March)

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Burney	5 December	7 January	Clare (5 to 24 December) Dreyfus (25 December to 7 January)
Gallagher	8 January	15 January	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)
Burney	14 January	19 January	Dreyfus
Dreyfus	29 January	3 February	Gallagher
Gallagher	19 February	24 February	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)
Gallagher	8 March	15 March	Chalmers (Acting Minister for Finance and Acting Minister for the Public Service) C King (Acting Minister for Women)

Social Services

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rishworth	18 December	14 January	Collins (18 to 24 December) M King (25 December to 7 January) Collins (8 to 14 January)
Shorten	8 January	14 January	Collins
Shorten	28 January	4 February	Rishworth

Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	16 December	7 January	Gallagher
Jones	25 December	12 January	Collins
Chalmers	27 February	2 March	Gallagher
Jones	9 March	13 March	Chalmers
Jones	22 March	2 April	Chalmers

Veterans' Affairs (Defence portfolio)

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	8 January	14 January	Thistlethwaite
Keogh	20 February	24 February	Thistlethwaite

Note: In practice, acting arrangements begin from a specific time on a day. This may result in more than one minister being listed as acting on a particular day.