



# Acting minister arrangements

1 October to 31 December 2023 (version 14 May 2024)

## Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Watt	16 December	19 December	M King

## Attorney-General's

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Dreyfus	1 November	5 November	Gallagher
Dreyfus	6 November	12 November	Rowland

## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Bowen	6 December	14 December	Plibersek
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
Marles	17 October	21 October	O'Connor
Conroy	25 October	29 October	Giles
Marles	30 October	5 November	O'Connor
O'Neil	3 November	7 November	Giles
Keogh	7 November	14 November	O'Neil
Conroy	7 November	11 November	Giles
Conroy	13 November	17 November	Giles
Marles	16 November	18 November	O'Connor
Marles	30 November	2 December	O'Connor
Marles	4 December	6 December	O'Connor
Conroy	9 December	17 December	O'Connor
Conroy	25 December	14 January	Giles
O'Neil	25 December	22 January	Giles

## Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	5 November	10 November	O'Connor
Clare	26 November	27 November	O'Connor
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	27 September	1 October	Watt
O'Connor	23 December	31 December	Burke

## Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Farrell	27 October	31 October	Rishworth
Farrell	3 November	6 November	Rishworth

## Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Conroy	25 October	29 October	Giles
Farrell	27 October	31 October	Rishworth
Farrell	3 November	6 November	Rishworth
Wong	5 November	8 November	Chalmers
Conroy	7 November	11 November	Giles
Conroy	13 November	17 November	Giles
Wong	19 November	22 November	Watt
Conroy	9 December	17 December	O'Connor
Wong	17 December	7 January	Dreyfus
Conroy	25 December	14 January	Giles

## Health and Aged Care

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wells	3 October	6 October	Butler
Wells	18 December	29 December	Butler

## Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Giles	7 October	14 October	O'Neil
O'Neil	3 December	7 December	Giles
Watt	16 December	19 December	M King
O'Neil	25 December	22 January	Giles

## Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
M King	22 October	28 October	Watt
Husic	30 October	5 November	Bowen
Husic	22 November	25 November	Bowen
Husic	25 December	9 January	Burke (25 December to 5 January) Gallagher (6 to 7 January) Farrell (8 to 9 January)

## Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rowland	25 September	6 October	Dreyfus
M King	22 October	28 October	Watt
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

## Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Albanese	22 October	28 October	Marles
Dreyfus	1 November	5 November	Gallagher
Albanese	4 November	10 November	Chalmers (4 to 5 November) Marles (5 to 10 November)
Dreyfus	6 November	12 November	Rowland
Albanese	15 November	19 November	Marles (15 to 17 November) Wong (17 to 18 November) Marles (18 to 19 November)
Burney	5 December	7 January	Clare (5 to 24 December) Dreyfus (25 December to 7 January)
Albanese	10 December	14 December	Marles

## Social Services

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rishworth	18 December	14 January	Collins (18 to 23 December) M King (24 December to 7 January) Collins (8 to 14 January)
Shorten	6 November	12 November	Rishworth

## Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	11 November	15 November	Gallagher
Chalmers	16 December	7 January	Gallagher
Jones	25 December	12 January	Collins

## Veterans' Affairs (Defence portfolio)

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	7 November	14 November	O'Neil

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.

This version updates entries for acting arrangements for the Prime Minister to include the Treasurer acting on 4 and 5 November, Minister Wong acting on 17 and 18 November, and the Deputy Prime Minister acting from 10-14 December which were originally omitted in error. It also removes a previously reported acting arrangements for Minister Giles from 11-17 December which was proposed for a period of international travel, however the travel did not proceed.