



Acting minister arrangements

1 January to 31 March 2024

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Watt	29-Mar	12-Apr	C King

Attorney-General's

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Dreyfus	29-Jan	3-Feb	Gallagher

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Plibersek	25-Dec	21-Jan	Watt (25 Dec to 9 Jan) Bowen (10 Jan to 21 Jan)
Bowen	28-Dec	9-Jan	Watt

Defence

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

Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	25-Dec	12-Jan	Rowland
Aly	26-Dec	8-Jan	Rowland

Employment and Workplace Relations

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
O'Connor	23-Dec	21-Jan	Burke (23 Dec to 31 Dec) Watt (1 Jan to 12 Jan) Clare (13 Jan to 21 Jan)
Burke	7-Jan	14-Jan	Butler
O'Connor	19-Feb	24-Feb	Burke

Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Gallagher	8-Jan	15-Jan	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)
Gallagher	19-Feb	24-Feb	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)
Farrell	24-Feb	1-Mar	Rishworth
Gallagher	8-Mar	15-Mar	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wong	17-Dec	7-Jan	Dreyfus
Conroy	25-Dec	14-Jan	Giles
Wong	15-Jan	20-Jan	Chalmers
Conroy	29-Jan	31-Jan	Keogh
Farrell	24-Feb	1-Mar	Rishworth
Wong	26-Feb	1-Mar	Marles
Wong	16-Mar	18-Mar	Dreyfus

Health and Aged Care

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

Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
O'Neil	25-Dec	22-Jan	Giles
Watt	29-Mar	12-Apr	C King

Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Husic	25-Dec	9-Jan	Burke (25 Dec to 5 Jan) Gallagher (6 Jan to 7 Jan) Farrell (8 Jan to 9 Jan)
M King	28-Jan	3-Feb	Rishworth
M King	2-Mar	10-Mar	Rishworth

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McBain	15-Dec	21-Jan	M King (15 Dec to 7 Jan) C King (8 Jan to 21 Jan)
C King	27-Dec	7-Jan	Gallagher
Burke	7-Jan	14-Jan	Butler
M King	28-Jan	3-Feb	Rishworth
Rowland	19-Feb	29-Feb	Dreyfus
M King	2-Mar	10-Mar	Rishworth (2 Mar to 8 Mar)

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Burney	5-Dec	7-Jan	Clare (5 Dec to 24 Dec) Dreyfus (25 Dec to 7 Jan)
Gallagher	8-Jan	15-Jan	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)
Burney	14-Jan	19-Jan	Dreyfus
Dreyfus	29-Jan	3-Feb	Gallagher
Gallagher	19-Feb	24-Feb	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)
Gallagher	8-Mar	15-Mar	Chalmers (A/g Minister for Finance and A/g Minister for the Public Service) C King (A/g Minister for Women)

Social Services

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rishworth	18-Dec	14-Jan	Collins (18 to 24 Dec) M King (25 Dec to 7 Jan) Collins (8 Jan to 14 Jan)
Shorten	8-Jan	14-Jan	Collins
Shorten	28-Jan	4-Feb	Rishworth

Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	16-Dec	7-Jan	Gallagher
Jones	25-Dec	12-Jan	Collins
Chalmers	27-Feb	2-Mar	Gallagher
Jones	9-Mar	13-Mar	Chalmers
Jones	22-Mar	2-Apr	Chalmers

Veterans' Affairs (Defence portfolio)

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	8-Jan	14-Jan	Thistlethwaite
Keogh	20-Feb	24-Feb	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.