



Acting minister arrangements

1 January to 31 March 2026

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Nil

Attorney-General's

Nil

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Watt	20 December 2025	4 January 2026	Bowen

Defence

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Conroy	25 December 2025	18 January 2026	Marles
Keogh	2 January 2026	18 January 2026	Marles
Marles	11 February 2026	16 February 2026	Conroy
Marles	17 February 2026	19 February 2026	Conroy
Conroy	21 February 2026	28 February 2026	Keogh
Marles	11 March 2026	13 March 2026	Conroy

Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	23 December 2025	16 January 2026	Bowen
Walsh	25 December 2025	17 January 2026	Bowen

Employment and Workplace Relations

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Giles	28 December 2025	17 January 2026	McBain
Rishworth	4 January 2026	16 January 2026	Farrell

Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Gallagher	5 January 2026	10 January 2026	Chalmers (Public Service, Finance and Government Services) C King (Women)
Farrell	23 January 2026	28 January 2026	Rishworth
Farrell	10 February 2026	14 February 2026	Rishworth
Farrell	24 February 2026	1 March 2026	Rishworth

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wong	24 December 2025	11 January 2026	Ayres (24 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Watt (5 to 11 January 2026)
Conroy	25 December 2025	18 January 2026	Marles
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek
Farrell	23 January 2026	28 January 2026	Rishworth
Wong	5 February 2026	7 February 2026	Watt
Farrell	10 February 2026	14 February 2026	Rishworth
Conroy	21 February 2026	28 February 2026	Keogh
Wong	24 February 2026	26 February 2026	Watt
Farrell	24 February 2026	1 March 2026	Rishworth

Health, Disability and Ageing

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rae	18 December 2025	2 January 2026	Butler (18 to 21 December 2025 and 1 January 2026) Burke (22 to 24 December 2025) Gallagher (25 to 31 December 2025 and 2 January 2026)
Butler	22 December 2025	1 January 2026	Burke (22 to 24 December 2025) Gallagher (25 December 2025 to 1 January 2026)
McAllister	22 December 2025	5 January 2026	Burke (22 to 24 December 2025) Gallagher (25 to 31 December 2025 and 2 January 2026) Butler (1 January and 3 to 5 January 2026)
McAllister	13 January 2026	16 January 2026	Butler
Butler	26 January 2026	28 January 2026	McAllister

Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek
Burke	27 January 2026	30 January 2026	Rowland

Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
M King	13 December 2025	9 January 2026	Ayres (13 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Rowland (5 to 9 January 2026)
Ayres	5 January 2026	18 January 2026	Farrell (5 to 9 January 2026) M King (10 to 18 January 2026)
M King	1 February 2026	6 February 2026	Rishworth
M King	13 March 2026	17 March 2026	Ayres

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
M King	13 December 2025	9 January 2026	Ayres (13 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Rowland (5 to 9 January 2026)
Wells	22 December 2025	16 January 2026	C King
Burke	27 January 2026	30 January 2026	Rowland
M King	1 February 2026	6 February 2026	Rishworth
M King	13 March 2026	17 March 2026	Ayres

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McCarthy	28 December 2025	18 January 2026	Rowland
Gallagher	5 January 2026	18 January 2026	Chalmers (Public Service, Finance and Government Services) C King (Women)
Albanese	28 January 2026	29 January 2026	Marles
Albanese	5 February 2026	7 February 2026	Marles

Social Services

Nil

Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	22 December 2025	4 January 2026	Gallagher
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek
Mulino	29 December 2025	18 January 2026	Rowland
O'Neil	5 January 2026	18 January 2026	Chalmers
Chalmers	11 January 2026	14 January 2026	Gallagher

Veterans' Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	2 January 2026	18 January 2026	Marles

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.