



Acting minister arrangements

1 October to 31 December 2025

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Nil.

Attorney-General's – Nil.

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Bowen	11 October 2025	17 October 2025	Watt
Bowen	15 November 2025	25 November 2025	Watt
Bowen	4 December 2025	5 December 2025	Watt
Watt	20 December 2025	4 January 2026	Bowen

Defence

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	29 September 2025	3 October 2025	McBain
Conroy	30 September 2025	4 October 2025	Ayres
Marles	2 October 2025	4 October 2025	Bowen
Conroy	11 October 2025	18 October 2025	Keogh
Marles	21 October 2025	24 October 2025	Conroy
Marles	31 October 2025	2 November 2025	Conroy
Keogh	8 November 2025	15 November 2025	Conroy
Marles	2 December 2025	3 December 2025	Conroy
Keogh	2 December 2025	5 December 2025	Conroy
Conroy	25 December 2025	18 January 2026	Marles

Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	29 September 2025	5 October 2025	Bowen
Clare	6 December 2025	12 December 2025	Bowen
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
Rishworth	26 September 2025	5 October 2025	Farrell
Giles	7 December 2025	13 December 2025	Rishworth
Giles	28 December 2025	17 January 2026	McBain

Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Farrell	4 November 2025	7 November 2025	Rishworth
Farrell	7 December 2025	10 December 2025	Rishworth

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wong	27 September 2025	6 October 2025	Ayres
Conroy	30 September 2025	4 October 2025	Ayres
Conroy	11 October 2025	17 October 2025	Keogh
Aly	13 October 2025	18 October 2025	Butler
Wong	29 October 2025	31 October 2025	Watt
Aly	30 October 2025	6 November 2025	Burke
Farrell	4 November 2025	7 November 2025	Rishworth
Wong	19 November 2025	21 November 2025	Butler
Farrell	7 December 2025	10 December 2025	Rishworth
Wong	24 December 2025	13 January 2026	Ayres (24 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Watt (5 to 13 January 2026)
Conroy	25 December 2025	18 January 2026	Marles
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek

Health, Disability and Ageing

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McAllister	29 September 2025	5 October 2025	Butler
Rae	11 October 2025	19 October 2025	Butler
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 to 31 December 2025 and 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 & 3 to 5 January 2026)

Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McBain	11 October 2025	15 October 2025	Burke
Aly	13 October 2025	18 October 2025	Butler
Aly	30 October 2025	6 November 2025	Burke
Burke	7 November 2025	10 November 2025	Butler
Burke	12 November 2025	14 November 2025	Butler
Burke	11 December 2025	15 December 2025	Conroy
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek

Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Ayres	19 October 2025	23 October 2025	Conroy
M King	19 October 2025	23 October 2025	Rishworth
M King	29 October 2025	2 November 2025	Rishworth
M King	13 December 2025	9 January 2026	Ayres (13 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Watt (5 to 9 January 2026)

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
McBain	11 October 2025	15 October 2025	Burke
M King	19 October 2025	23 October 2025	Rishworth
M King	29 October 2025	2 November 2025	Rishworth
Burke	7 November 2025	10 November 2025	Butler
Burke	12 November 2025	14 November 2025	Butler
Burke	11 December 2025	15 December 2025	Conroy
M King	13 December 2025	9 January 2026	Ayres (13 December 2025 to 4 January 2026) Watt (5 to 9 January 2026)

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Albanese	11 October 2025	19 October 2025	Marles
Albanese	19 October 2025	23 October 2025	Marles (19 to 21 October 2025) Wong (21 to 23 October 2025)
Albanese	26 October 2025	2 November 2025	Marles
Albanese	20 November 2025	24 November 2025	Marles
Albanese	1 December 2025	5 December 2025	Marles (1 to 2 December 2025) Wong (2 to 3 December 2025) Marles (3 to 5 December 2025)
McCarthy	28 December 2025	18 January 2026	Rowland

Social Services – Nil.

Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	2 October 2025	6 October 2025	Gallagher
O'Neil	10 October 2025	18 October 2025	Mulino
Aly	13 October 2025	18 October 2025	Butler
Chalmers	15 October 2025	22 October 2025	Gallagher
Aly	30 October 2025	6 November 2025	Burke
Chalmers	4 December 2025	5 December 2025	Gallagher
Chalmers	22 December 2025	4 January 2026	Gallagher
Aly	26 December 2025	18 January 2026	Plibersek
Mulino	29 December 2025	18 January 2026	Rowland

Veterans' Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	29 September 2025	3 October 2025	McBain
Keogh	8 November 2025	15 November 2025	Conroy
Keogh	2 December 2025	5 December 2025	Conroy

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.