



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-Dec	19-Dec	M King

Attorney-General's

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

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Bowen	6-Dec	14-Dec	Plibersek
Plibersek	25-Dec	21-Jan	Watt (25 Dec to 9 Jan) Bowen (10 to 21 Jan)
Bowen	28-Dec	9-Jan	Watt

Defence

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Marles	17-Oct	21-Oct	O'Connor
Conroy	25-Oct	29-Oct	Giles
Marles	30-Oct	5-Nov	O'Connor
O'Neil	3-Nov	7-Nov	Giles
Keogh	7-Nov	14-Nov	O'Neil
Conroy	7-Nov	11-Nov	Giles
Conroy	13-Nov	17-Nov	Giles
Marles	16-Nov	18-Nov	O'Connor
Marles	30-Nov	2-Dec	O'Connor
Marles	4-Dec	6-Dec	O'Connor
Conroy	9-Dec	17-Dec	O'Connor
Conroy	25-Dec	14-Jan	Giles
O'Neil	25-Dec	22-Jan	Giles

Education

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Clare	5-Nov	10-Nov	O'Connor
Clare	26-Nov	27-Nov	O'Connor
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	27-Sep	1-Oct	Watt
O'Connor	23-Dec	31-Dec	Burke

Finance

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Farrell	27-Oct	31-Oct	Rishworth
Farrell	3-Nov	6-Nov	Rishworth

Foreign Affairs and Trade

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Conroy	25-Oct	29-Oct	Giles
Farrell	27-Oct	31-Oct	Rishworth
Farrell	3-Nov	6-Nov	Rishworth
Wong	5-Nov	8-Nov	Chalmers
Conroy	7-Nov	11-Nov	Giles
Conroy	13-Nov	17-Nov	Giles
Wong	19-Nov	22-Nov	Watt
Conroy	9-Dec	17-Dec	O'Connor
Wong	17-Dec	7-Jan	Dreyfus
Conroy	25-Dec	14-Jan	Giles

Health and Aged Care

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Wells	3-Oct	6-Oct	Butler
Wells	18-Dec	29-Dec	Butler

Home Affairs

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Giles	7-Oct	14-Oct	O'Neil
O'Neil	3-Dec	7-Dec	Giles
Watt	16-Dec	19-Dec	M King
O'Neil	25-Dec	22-Jan	Giles

Industry, Science and Resources

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
M King	22-Oct	28-Oct	Watt
Husic	30-Oct	5-Nov	Bowen
Husic	22-Nov	25-Nov	Bowen
Husic	25-Dec	9-Jan	Burke (25 Dec to 5 Jan) Gallagher (6 to 7 Jan) Farrell (8 to 9 Jan)

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rowland	25-Sept	6-Oct	Dreyfus
M King	22-Oct	28-Oct	Watt
McBain	15-Dec	21-Jan	M King (15 Dec to 7 Jan) C King (8 to 21 Jan)
C King	27-Dec	7-Jan	Gallagher

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Albanese	22-Oct	28-Oct	Marles
Dreyfus	1-Nov	5-Nov	Gallagher
Albanese	4-Nov	10-Nov	Chalmers (4 to 5 Nov) Marles (5 to 10 Nov)
Dreyfus	6-Nov	12-Nov	Rowland
Albanese	15-Nov	19-Nov	Marles (15 to 17 Nov) Wong (17 to 18 Nov) Marles (18 to 19 Nov)
Burney	5-Dec	7-Jan	Clare (5 to 24 Dec) Dreyfus (25 Dec to 7 Jan)
Albanese	10-Dec	14-Dec	Marles

Social Services

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Rishworth	18-Dec	14-Jan	Collins (18 to 23 Dec) M King (24 Dec to 7 Jan) Collins (8 to 14 Jan)
Shorten	6-Nov	12-Nov	Rishworth

Treasury

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Chalmers	11-Nov	15-Nov	Gallagher
Chalmers	16-Dec	7-Jan	Gallagher
Jones	25-Dec	12-Jan	Collins

Veterans' Affairs (Defence portfolio)

Minister	Start date	End date	Acting Minister
Keogh	7-Nov	14-Nov	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.