



Public Sector Reform

March 2025

Overview

Targeted reforms to deliver jobs, hospitals and houses for Western Australians

Reform of WA Government departments announced by WA Premier the Hon Roger Cook MLA on 31 March 2025 aligns with his new Government's priorities of a more resilient economy and a better way to build.

The reform is designed to drive the Government's goals of job creation through economic diversification, local manufacturing and energy transition; delivery of hospitals and other major infrastructure; and the building of houses across WA.

Summary of changes

- 9 departments affected
- 16 departments not affected
- Net gain of one department
- Staff and teams assigned to departments by 1 July 2025 with full implementation expected by 1 January 2026

A more resilient economy

Department of Energy and Economic Diversification

Previous name

- Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Responsibilities moved

- Tourism WA and tourism investment development **to Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport**
- Defence including Defence West, Defence Industries and Veterans **to Department of the Premier and Cabinet**
- Coordinator General **to Department of the Premier and Cabinet**

Responsibilities added

- Energy Policy WA **from Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety**

Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

Previous name

- Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Responsibilities moved

- Energy Policy WA **to Department of Energy and Economic Diversification**
- Mines and Petroleum **to Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration**

Responsibilities added

- Local Government **from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**
- Racing, Gaming and Liquor including support for Gaming and Wagering Commission **from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

Department of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration

Responsibilities moved

- Energy Policy WA **to Department of Energy and Economic Diversification**
- Industry Regulation and Safety **to Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety**

A more resilient economy

Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport

Previous name

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Responsibilities moved

- Local Government **to Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety**
- Racing, Gaming and Liquor including support for Gaming and Wagering Commission **to Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety**

Responsibilities added

- Tourism WA and tourism investment development **from Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation**

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Previous name

- No change

Responsibilities added

- Defence including Defence West, Defence Industries and Veterans **from Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation**
- Coordinator General **from Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation**
- Office of Early Childhood (new)
- Strengthened statewide leadership of Aboriginal Affairs

A better way to build

Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure

Previous name

- Department of Transport

Responsibilities added

- **Office of Major Infrastructure Delivery** established with:
 - Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery
 - Major Projects **from Department of Finance**
 - Office of Major Health Infrastructure Delivery **from Department of Health**
 - Westport
 - METRONET

Department of Health

Previous name

- No change

Responsibilities moved

- Office of Major Health Infrastructure Delivery **to Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure**

Department of Housing and Works

Previous name

- Department of Finance

Responsibilities moved

- State Revenue **to Department of Treasury and Finance**
- Procurement policy **to Department of Treasury and Finance**
- Major Projects **to Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure**

Responsibilities added

- Housing Authority **from Department of Communities**
- Social housing works and tenancy management **from Department of Communities**
- Government Regional Officer Housing **from Department of Communities**

A better way to build

Department of Communities

Previous name

- No change

Responsibilities moved

- Housing Authority to **Department of Housing and Works**
- Social housing works and tenancy management to **Department of Housing and Works**
- Government Regional Officer Housing to **Department of Housing and Works**

Department of Treasury and Finance

Previous name

- Department of Treasury

Responsibilities added

- State Revenue **from Department of Finance**
- Procurement policy **from Department of Finance**
- Financial GTE team for consolidated oversight of:
 - Insurance Commission of WA
 - Government Employees Superannuation Board
 - Western Australian Treasury Corporation
 - Keystart

Departments not affected

WA Government departments not affected by this reform

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Department of Education
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Department of Justice
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- Department of the Registrar, Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission
- Department of Training and Workforce Development
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
- Mental Health Commission
- Office of the Auditor General
- Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services
- Public Sector Commission
- Western Australia Police Force
- Western Australian Electoral Commission