

Premier McGowan announces major changes to Western Australia Public Service

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Premier Mark McGowan today announced that the number of government departments will be reduced from 41 to 25, with 40 per cent of departments to be amalgamated or abolished.

The Premier's announcement is in line with WA Labor's pre-election commitment to deliver multi-million dollar savings from the public service to assist with much needed budget repair. WA Labor pledged to deliver a Service Priority Review of government agencies targeting \$750million of savings over four years.

The changes will take effect from 1 July 2017.

There will be a reshuffle of senior executives with new director generals instructed to deliver a 20 per cent reduction in the 521-member Senior Executive Service.

The full Service Priority Review when released will deliver further structural changes and savings.

Amalgamated Departments

| New Department | Current Departments |
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| Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation | Department of State Development Department of Commerce (Industry promotion and innovation functions) Western Australian Tourism Commission (trading as Tourism WA) |
| Department of Mines, Industry, Regulation and Safety | Department of Mines and Petroleum Department of Commerce (Regulatory functions and Labour Relations) |
| Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development | Department of Agriculture and Food Department of Regional Development Department of Fisheries Regional Development Commissions |
| Department of Community Services | Department of Child Protection and Family Support Department of Housing (includes Housing Authority) Disability Services Commission Department of Local Government and Communities (communities functions, including seniors, volunteering, youth and multicultural interests) |
| Department of Justice | Department of the Attorney General Department of Corrective Services |
| Department of Education | Department of Education Department of Education Services School Curriculum and Standards Authority |
| Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage | Department of Planning Department of Lands State Heritage Office |
| Department of Biodiversity Conservation and | Department of Parks and Wildlife |



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| Attractions | Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority Zoological Parks Authority Rottnest Island Authority |
| Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries | Department of Local Government and Communities (Local Government functions) Department of Culture and the Arts Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor Department of Sport and Recreation |
| Department of Water and Environmental Regulation | Department of Water Department of Environment Regulation Office of the Environmental Protection Agency |
| Western Australia Police | Western Australia Police Road Safety Commission (staff only, entity will remain) |

No Changes

These Departments remain the same, however changes may be identified in the future.

| Current Departments – no changes | |
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| Department of Fire and Emergency Services | Office of the Auditor General |
| Department of Health | Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions |
| Mental Health Commission | Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services |
| Public Sector Commission | Western Australian Electoral Commission |
| Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission | |

Change of Duties

These Departments will have some changes to their functions or focus. Additional changes may be identified in the future.

| Current Departments – Change of Duties | |
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| Department of Finance | Department of Training and Workforce Development |
| Department of the Premier and Cabinet | Department of Transport |
| Department of Treasury | |

Further information.

More information regarding these changes is available [here](#). For further information contact [Megan Anwyl](#) +61 417 949 900.