

Ministers responsible for Agriculture since Parliamentary government commenced in October 1856 and Heads of the Department of Agriculture/PISA/PIRSA

Dates	Government	Dates of portfolio	Minister	Ministerial title	Name of Department	Head of Department	Date range of Head
1856–1857	Boyle Travers Finniss	24.10.1856– 21.8.1857	Charles Bonney	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1857	John Baker	21.8.1857– 1.9.1857	William Milne	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1857	Robert Torrens	1.9.1857– 30.10.1857	Marshall McDermott	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1857–1860	Richard Hanson	30.9.1857– 2.6.1859	Francis Stacker Dutton	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		2.6.1859– 5.7.1859	John Bentham Neales	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		5.7.1859– 9.5.1860	William Milne	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1860–1861	Thomas Reynolds	9.5.1860– 20.5.1861	John Tuthill Bagot	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1861	Thomas Reynolds	20.5.1861– 8.10.1861	Henry Bull Templar Strangways	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1861	George Waterhouse	8.10.1861– 17.10.1861	Matthew Moorhouse	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1861–1863	George Waterhouse	17.10.1861– 4.7.1863	Henry Bull Templar Strangways	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1863	Francis Dutton	4.7.1863– 15.7.1863	Francis Stacker Dutton	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1863–1864	Henry Ayers	15.7.1863– 22.7.1864	Lavington Glyde	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1864	Henry Ayers	22.7.1864– 4.8.1864	William Milne	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1864–1865	Arthur Blyth	4.8.1864– 22.3.1865	Arthur Blyth	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1865	Francis Dutton	22.3.1865– 20.9.1865	Henry Bull Templar Strangways	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			

1865	Henry Ayers	20.9.1865– 23.10.1865	Henry Bull Templar Strangways	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1865– 1866	John Hart	23.10.1865– 1.11.1865	Lavington Glyde	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		1.11.1865– 28.3.1866	John Bentham Neales	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1866– 1867	James Boucaut	28.3.1866– 3.5.1867	William Milne	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1867– 1868	Henry Ayers	3.5.1867– 24.9.1868	Lavington Glyde	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1868	John Hart	24.9.1868– 13.10.1868	William Townsend	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1868	Henry Ayers	13.10.1868– 3.11.1868	Lavington Glyde	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1868– 1870	Henry Strangways	3.11.1868– 12.5.1870	Wentworth Cavanagh	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1870	Henry Strangways	12.5.1870– 30.5.1870	Wentworth Cavanagh	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1870– 1871	John Hart	30.5.1870– 10.11.1871	Arthur Blyth	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1871– 1872	Arthur Blyth	10.11.1871– 22.1.1872	William Townsend	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1872	Henry Ayers	22.1.1872– 4.3.1872	Edwin Henry Derrington	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1872– 1873	Sir Henry Ayers	4.3.1872– 22.7.1873	Thomas Reynolds	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1873– 1875	Arthur Blyth	22.7.1873– 3.6.1875	William Everard	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1875– 1876	James Boucaut	3.6.1875– 25.3.1876	Ebenezer Ward	Minister of Agriculture and Education			
1876	James Boucaut	25.3.1876– 6.6.1876	Thomas Playford	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1876– 1877	John Colton	6.6.1876– 26.10.1877	Ebenezer Ward	Minister of Agriculture and Education			
1877– 1878	James Boucaut	26.10.1877– 27.9.1878	Thomas Playford	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			

1878–1881	William Morgan	27.9.1878–24.6.1881	Thomas Playford	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration		John Daniel Custance (and Professor of Agriculture, 1881–1901)	1.6.1881–1887
1881–1884	John Bray	24.6.1881–16.6.1884	Alfred Catt	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1884–1885	John Colton	16.6.1884–4.2.1885	Jenkin Coles	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		4.2.1885–16.6.1885	Thomas Playford	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1885–1887	John Downer	16.6.1885–11.6.1887	James Henderson Howe	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration		William Lowrie	1887–1901
1887–1889	Thomas Playford	11.6.1887–27.6.1889	Jenkin Coles	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration		H.H. McMinnies (appointed but retired)	1887
1889–1890	John Cockburn	27.6.1889–2.5.1890	Thomas Burgoyne	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		2.5.1890–8.7.1890	James Henderson Howe	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		8.7.1890–19.8.1890	John James Osman	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1890–1892	Thomas Playford	19.8.1890–6.1.1892	William Copley	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
		6.1.1892–21.6.1892	Thomas Playford	Minister of Agriculture and Education			
1892	Frederick Holder	21.6.1892–15.10.1892	Peter Paul Gillen	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration			
1892–1893	Sir John Downer	15.10.1892–12.5.1893	William Copley	Minister of Agriculture and Education			
		12.5.1893–16.6.1893	John William Castine	Minister of Agriculture and Education			

1893–1899	Charles Cameron Kingston	16.6.1893–13.4.1898 13.4.1898–1.12.1899	John Alexander Cockburn Richard Butler	Minister of Education and Agriculture Minister of Education and Agriculture			
1899	Vaiben Solomon	1.12.1899–8.12.1899	Thomas Burgoyne	Minister of Education and Agriculture			
1899–1901	Frederick Holder	8.12.1899–15.5.1901	Egerton Lee Batchelor	Minister of Education and Agriculture			
1901–1905	John Jenkins (Liberal-Conservative)	15.5.1901–31.3.1902 1.4.1902–1.3.1905	Laurence O’Loughlin Richard Butler	Commissioner of Crown Lands Treasurer Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration	Agriculture, 1902–06	Arthur James Perkins Secretary of Agriculture, 1902–1906	1902–1904
1905	Richard Butler (Liberal-Conservative)	1.3.1905–26.7.1905	Richard Witty Foster	Commissioner of Public Works Minister of Agriculture	Agriculture		
1905–1909	Thomas Price (Labor)	26.7.1905–5.6.1909	Laurence O’Loughlin	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration Minister of Agriculture Minister Controlling the Northern Territory	Agriculture, 1902–06 Agriculture and Intelligence, 1906–08	William Angus Director of Agriculture, 1906–1975	1904–1910
1909–1910	Archibald Peake (Liberal Union)	5.6.1909–22.12.1909 22.12.1909–3.6.1910	Ephraim Henry Coombe Thomas Pascoe	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration Minister of Agriculture Minister of Agriculture (Honorary Minister)	Agriculture, 1908–75		
1910–1912	John Verran (Labor)	3.6.1910–17.2.1912	James Phillips Wilson	Minister of Industry and Agriculture	Agriculture	Arnold Edwin Victor Richardson (acting) William Lowrie	1910–1911 1911–1914
1912–1915	Archibald Peake (Liberal)	17.2.1912–3.4.1915	Thomas Pascoe	Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation	Agriculture	Arthur James Perkins	1914–1936
1915–	Crawford	3.4.1915–	Clarence Goode	Commissioner of Crown	Agriculture		

1917	Vaughan (Labor)	14.7.1917		Lands and Immigration Minister of Agriculture			
1917– 1920	Archibald Peake (Liberal- National Labor)	14.7.1917– 27.8.1917	George Ritchie	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration Minister of Agriculture	Agriculture		
		27.8.1917– 29.4.1918	Reginald Pole Blundell	Minister of Repatriation Minister of Agriculture Minister of Industry			
		29.4.1918– 19.12.1918	Edward Alfred Anstey	Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration Minister of Agriculture Minister of Repatriation			
		19.12.1918– 7.5.1919	Sir Richard Butler	Treasurer Minister of Railways Minister of Agriculture			
		15.5.1919– 24.7.1919	George Ritchie	Commissioner of Public Works Minister of Railways Minister of Agriculture			
24.7.1919– 8.4.1920	William Humphrey Harvey	Minister of Education Minister of Mines Minister of Agriculture					
1920– 1924	Henry Barwell (Liberal)	8.4.1920– 3.11.1922	Thomas Pascoe	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Irrigation Minister of Mines	Agriculture		
		3.11.1922– 14.11.1923	George Frederick Jenkins	Minister of Agriculture Assistant Minister of Repatriation Minister of Town Planning			
		14.11.1923–	John Cowan	Minister of Agriculture			

		16.4.1924		Assistant Minister of Repatriation Minister of Town Planning			
1924–1926	John Gunn (Labor)	16.4.1924–28.8.1926	Thomas Butterfield	Commissioner of Crown Lands Minister of Agriculture	Agriculture		
1926–1927	Lionel Hill (Labor)	28.8.1926–8.4.1927	Thomas Butterfield	Commissioner of Crown Lands Minister of Agriculture	Agriculture		
1927–1930	Richard L. Butler (Liberal)	8.4.1927–17.4.1930	John Cowan	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Immigration Minister of Repatriation Minister of Irrigation	Agriculture		
1930–1933	Lionel Hill (Labor)	17.4.1930–30.10.1930	Stanley R. Whitford	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Immigration Minister of Repatriation Minister of Irrigation Commissioner of Forest Lands	Agriculture		
		30.10.1930–13.2.1933	Stanley R. Whitford	Chief Secretary Minister of Agriculture Commissioner of Forest Lands			
1933	Robert Richards (Labor)	13.2.1933–18.4.1833	Stanley R. Whitford	Chief Secretary Minister of Agriculture Commissioner of Forest Lands			
1933–1938	Richard L. Butler (Liberal)	18.4.1933–8.4.1938	Albert Percy Blesing	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Local Government	Agriculture	Walter John Spafford	1936–1949
		8.4.1938–5.11.1838	Albert Percy Blesing	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Afforestation			
1938–1944	Thomas Playford jnr (Liberal and	5.11.1838–15.5.1944	Albert Percy Blesing	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Afforestation	Agriculture		

	Country League)						
1944–1965	Thomas Playford jnr (Liberal and Country League)	15.5.1944–28.5.1954	Sir George Frederick Jenkins	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Afforestation (Minister of Forests from 14.12.1944)	Agriculture	Allan Robert Callaghan	1949-1959
		28.5.1954–8.1.1956	Arthur William Christian	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
		17.1.1956–16.4.1956	Thomas Playford jnr	Treasurer Minister of Immigration Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
		16.4.1956–25.6.1958	Glen Gardner Pearson	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
		25.6.1958–10.3.1965	David Norman Brookman	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests		Arthur Geoffrey Strickland	1959–1970
1965–1967	Frank Walsh (Labor)	10.3.1965–11.11.1965	Gabriel Alexander Bywaters	Minister of Lands Minister of Repatriation Minister of Irrigation Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests	Agriculture		
		11.11.1965–1.6.1967	Gabriel Alexander Bywaters	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
1967–1968	Don Dunstan (Labor)	1.6.1967–26.3.1968	Gabriel Alexander Bywaters	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
		26.3.1968–16.4.1968	Thomas Mannix Casey	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests			
1968–1970	Steele Hall (Liberal)	17.4.1968–2.6.1970	Clarence Ross Story	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests	Agriculture	Marshall Roland Irving	1970–1975
1970–1979	Don Dunstan (Labor)	2.6.1970–10.6.1975	Thomas Mannix Casey	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests	Agriculture	Peter Trumble Acting Director	1975–1976

		10.6.1975– 18.9.1979	Brian Alfred Chatterton	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Forests	Agriculture 1906–1975 Agriculture and Fisheries 1975–1979	James Carvel McColl Director of Agriculture 1975 Director of Agriculture and Fisheries 1976–1979 Director-General of Agriculture 1979–	1976–1985
1979	Des Corcoran (Labor)	15.2.1979– 18.9.1979	Brian Alfred Chatterton	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Forests	Agriculture and Fisheries		
1979– 1982	David Tonkin (Liberal)	18.9.1979– 10.11.1982	William Edwin (Ted) Chapman	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Forests	Agriculture and Fisheries Agriculture		
1982– 1992	John Bannon (Labor)	10.11.1982– 22.4.1983	Brian Alfred Chatterton	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Forests	Agriculture	John Clive Radcliffe Director-General of Agriculture	1985–1992
		22.4.1983– 27.4.1983	Christopher John Sumner	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Forests			
		27.4.1983– 10.2.1984	Frank Trevor Blevins	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Forests			
		10.2.1984– 16.7.1985	Frank Trevor Blevins	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Correctional Services Minister Assisting the Treasurer			
		16.7.1985– 18.12.1985	Frank Trevor Blevins	Minister of Labour Minister of Agriculture			

		18.12.1985– 20.4.1989	Milton Kym Mayes	Minister of Fisheries Minister of Correctional Services Minister Assisting the Treasurer			
		20.4.1989– 14.12.1989	Lynn Arnold	Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Recreation and Sport			
		14.12.1989– 4.9.1992	Lynn Arnold	Minister of State Development and Technology Minister of Agriculture Minister of Fisheries Minister of Ethnic Affairs		Ray Dundon Chief Executive	1992–1993
1992– 1993	Lynn Arnold (Labor)	4.9.1992– 14.12.1993	Terry Groom (Independent)	Minister of Primary Industries Minister Assisting the Premier on Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs	Primary Industries SA (PISA) 8.10.1992– 22.10.1997		
1993–	Dean Brown	14.12.1993–	Dale Baker	Minister of Primary		Mike Madigan	1993–1997

2002	(Liberal)	22.12.1995		Industries		Chief Executive	
	Dean Brown/John Olsen (Liberal)	22.12.1995–7.7.1998	Rob Kerin	Minister for Primary Industries, Natural Resources and Regional Development Minister for Mines and Energy	Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA) 23.10.1997–	Dennis Mutton Chief Executive	1997–2001
	John Olsen (Liberal)	7.7.1998–22.10.2001	Rob Kerin	Minister for Primary Industries and Resources Minister for Regional Development			
Rob Kerin (Liberal)	22.10.2001–5.3.2002	Carolyn Schaeffer	Minister for Primary Industries	Barry Windle Acting Chief Executive		2002	
2002–	Mike Rann (Labor)	6.3.2002– ?.?.200?	Paul Holloway	Minister for Mineral Resources Development Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister for Regional Development		Jim Hallion	2002–2006
		?.?.200? –5.3.2004	Paul Holloway	Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister for Mineral Resources Development			
		5.3.2004– ?.?.2006	Rory McEwen (Independent)	Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries Minister for State/Local Government Relations		Geoff Knight Acting Chief Executive	2006–
		?.?.2006 –	Rory McEwen (Independent)	Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Minister for Forests			

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1893	John William Castine	Minister of Agriculture and Education
1893–1898	John Alexander Cockburn	Minister of Education and Agriculture
1898–1899	Richard Butler	Minister of Education and Agriculture
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1909	Ephraim Henry Coombe	Minister of Agriculture
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1919	George Ritchie	Minister of Agriculture
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1983	Christopher John Sumner	Minister of Agriculture
1983–1985	Frank Trevor Blevins	Minister of Agriculture
1985–1989	Milton Kym Mayes	Minister of Agriculture
1989–1992	Lynn Arnold	Minister of Agriculture
1992–1993	Terry Groom	Minister of Primary Industries
1993–1995	Dale Baker	Minister of Primary Industries
1995–1998	Rob Kerin	Minister for Primary Industries, Natural Resources and Regional Development
1998–2001	Rob Kerin	Minister for Primary Industries and Resources
2001–2002	Carolyn Schaeffer	Minister for Primary Industries
2002–2004	Paul Holloway	Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
2004–	Rory McEwen	Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries