

# Department for Communities, State of Western Australia

2007 – 2013

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## Details

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The Department for Communities was established in 2007 in response to a review conducted by Ms Prudence Ford in 2006 which recommended the abolition of the Department for Community Development and the establishment of two separate departments, namely the Department for Communities and the Department for Child Protection and Family Support. The Department for Communities was responsible for administering the State Government's \$114 million 'Redress WA Scheme' and holds records of applications and decisions made on applicants. It also ran the Country High School Hostels Ex-Gratia Scheme. In 2013, it became the Department for Local Government and Communities.

The State Records Office website provides an overview of the Department:

*The Department for Communities incorporates the Office for Youth, the Office for Women's Policy, the Office for Seniors and Carers, the Family and Domestic Violence Unit, the Volunteering Secretariat, Children and Family Services and the Office of Multicultural Interests.  
The Department incorporates support for children and families through child care licensing, children services policy development, support for delivery of children's services and a range of parenting programs.*

## More info

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### Chronology

- Department for Community Welfare, State of Western Australia (1972 - 1985)
  - Department for Community Services, State of Western Australia (1 January 1985 - 1 October 1992)
    - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 October 1992 - 1 July 1995)
      - Department for Family and Children's Services, State of Western Australia (1 July 1995 - 1 July 2001)
        - Department for Community Development, State of Western Australia (1 July 2001 - 30 June 2007)
- **Department for Communities, State of Western Australia (2007 – 2013)**
  - Department of Local Government and Communities (2013 - 2017)
    - Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, State Government of Western Australia (1 July 2017 - current)

## Related Entries

### Related Events

- [Redress WA, State of Western Australia \(2008 - 2011\)](#)  
The Department for Communities ran Redress WA.
- [Country High School Hostels Ex-Gratia Scheme, Western Australia \(30 November 2012 - December 2013\)](#)  
The Department for Communities was appointed to administer the Country High School Hostels Ex Gratia Scheme.

### Related Organisations

- [Department for Child Protection, State of Western Australia \(1 July 2007 - 16 May 2013\)](#)  
The Department for Communities relied upon records held by the Department for Child Protection when assessing Redress WA applications.  
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## Resources

- Department for Communities, [Annual Report 2010-2011](#), 2011

## Records

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### Records

- [Family Information Research System \(1921 - current\)](#)
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