

Colonial Secretary's Office, Colony of Western Australia

1890 – 1924

Details

The Colonial Secretary's Office in the Colony of Western Australia continued the role of the Colonial Secretary's Office in the Crown Colony of Western Australia from 1890. The Office was responsible for the welfare of children in Western Australia: the Superintendent of Poor Relief and Charitable Institutions was responsible for orphanages and industrial schools; the Colonial Surgeon and Principal Medical Officer were responsible for asylums and hospitals; and the Protector of Aborigines was responsible for institutions for Aboriginal children. With the passing of the *State Children Act 1907*, responsibility for child welfare was passed to the Public Charities and State Children Department in 1908. In 1924, the Colonial Secretary's Office was replaced by the Chief Secretary's Department.

More info

Chronology

- Colonial Secretary's Office, Crown Colony of Western Australia (30 December 1828 - 1890)
 - Colonial Secretary's Office, Colony of Western Australia (1890 – 1924)**
 - Chief Secretary's Department, State Government of Western Australia (1924 - 1983)

Related Entries

Ran

- [Fremantle Asylum \(1857 - 1909\)](#)
- [Whitby Falls Hospital \(1897 - 1972\)](#)

Related Events

- [Departmental Inquiry into allegations of starvation at the Swan Boys' Orphanage, Colonial Secretary's Office, State of Western Australia \(1911\)](#)

A Departmental Inquiry into allegations of starvation at the Swan Boys' Orphanage was established by the Colonial Secretary.

Date: 1911 -

Related Organisations

- [Superintendent of Poor Relief and Inspector of Charitable Institutions \(1874 - 1908\)](#)

The Superintendent of Poor Relief and Inspector of Charitable Institutions was part of the Colonial Secretary's Office

Date: 1890 - 1908
- [Public Charities and State Children Department, State of Western Australia \(1 January 1908 - 1 January 1917\)](#)

In 1908, the Public Charities and State Children Department took over responsibility for child welfare from the

Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Correspondence Files, Colonial Secretary's Office, Chief Secretary's Department \(1883 - 1983\)](#)
 - [Files \(Aboriginal matters\) - Chief Secretary's Department \(1916 - 1927\)](#)
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