

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will WALIS retain its independent advisory capacity?
Yes (and see question 2, below)
2. Will WALIS retain its governance frameworks?
Yes. There will be no change to the current WALIS governance framework. The WALIS EPC will remain the central governing body of WALIS, and any changes to the framework would be made and approved through the current governance processes.
3. Will SLIP still deliver on its initial concept (SLIP Implementation Plan)?
Yes. The SLIP Implementation Plan is currently on track and the core SLIP platform will be available by 2007.
4. How will this affect the four focus areas already established under SLIP?
There will be no change to the operation of each individual focus area.
5. What about new business opportunities?
This initiative will provide additional impetus for any new business opportunities to become part of the WA SDI, using the facilities of SLIP within the collaborative framework of the WALIS community.
6. Who will run WALIS?
The governing structure of WALIS will not change. WALIS will continue to be run by WALIS EPC and the Director of WALIS will continue to manage WALIS.
7. Who will run SLIP?
The current personnel will remain in place. As SLIP moves through various phases from development to implementation and to operations, organisational structures and personnel will be put into place to match business needs.
8. What will SLIP be called/what will happen to SLIP in the future?
SLIP is a project. The SLIP platform will continue in operation as the WA SDI and will be called WALIS.
9. What will happen to WALIS when DLI becomes a statutory authority?
Nothing. WALIS will continue to be governed by the EPC, chaired by the CEO of DLI, and operate as it does at present. The WALIS Office will be part of the statutory authority.
10. Will WALIS just work on SLIP projects?
No. The current and future workplans of WALIS will be determined by the governance framework (in particular the EPC and the Core Management Group), and will comprise a range of projects and activities beyond the current parameters of SLIP.

11. Where will WALIS and SLIP operate from?
WALIS will continue to operate in and across all the member agencies. WALIS Office and the SLIP platform will be managed by the Executive Director, Information Access Division, DLI, operating from one office within DLI.
12. How will WALIS members influence the direction of the WA SDI?
WALIS members will continue to influence the direction and operations of the WA SDI as they do at present, in particular through the governance structure of WALIS (including the EPC, the CMG, WALIS Advisory Committee and WALIS Council).
13. When will these changes take effect?
1 May 2006
14. How will this affect the cross-agency nature of current and future initiatives?
These changes will not affect the cross-agency nature of either WALIS or SLIP. They both operate in a whole-of-government/whole-of-state manner and will continue to do so in the future. Furthermore, each business opportunity focus area currently working under the SLIP umbrella will continue to operate in a cross-agency collaborative manner, in their own right (as they have been doing so to this point).
15. What will WALIS Office reporting through the DLI Information Access Division actually mean?
WALIS Office has always received its funding through DLI from appropriation and has undertaken its financial and performance indicator reporting through the DLI framework. This will continue to be the case. Reporting through the Executive Director, Information Access Division, DLI is an organisational structure change, to optimise the benefits provided by both WALIS and SLIP.

