

Starter guideline and checklists for new agencies

Appendix 1

Initial implementation checklist

	Appoint an SES officer to coordinate and lead the implementation of RTI reforms in each agency.					
	Demonstrate Executive Management team's active commitment to implement RTI reforms.					
Leadership	Executive Management team understands the inclusion of RTI reforms in performance agreements.					
	Appropriate decision making framework, including delegations, polices and procedures, in place for the administrative release of information.					
	Make regular statements promoting the RTI reforms as part of how all public servants do their work.					
	Identify data sets that could be proactively published.					
	Ensure procedures are in place to regularly identify new and existing data sets for publication.					
	Identify barriers to greater disclosure and take action to address them.					
Proactive	Ensure published information is accessible according to the principles in <i>Information Standard 26 - Internet</i> .					
Disclosure	Review policies and procedures to enable proactive release of government held information.					
	Develop an action plan to address any barriers to implementation of RTI reforms.					
	Ensure a Publication Scheme is designed and published to the agency website.					
	Introduce processes to enable regular review and updating of Publication Scheme contents.					



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	Introduce processes to ensure regular consideration and review of RTI releases material for publication to the Disclosure Log.				
	Create an information management strategy that is consistent with the objects and principles of the RTI Act.				
	Develop agency content management strategies to facilitate the proactive electronic release of information in machine readable and useable formats.				
	Compliance with the mandatory requirements of the RTI Act				
	Compliance with the mandatory requirements of the IP Act				
RTI and IP Compliance	Develop contract precedents which incorporate IP Act obligations and develop material to inform contracted service providers about their obligations under the IP Act.				
	Ensure Information Privacy is incorporated into the RTI decision maker's role if there is no separate Privacy Officer role.				
	Establish an appropriate complaints management framework for managing privacy complaints.				
	Put in place appropriate financial processes to disburse funds received under the RTI Act, and to undertake appropriate reconciliation.				
	Ensure application management tools are in place to capture the data required for RTI reporting.				
	Consider business intelligence strategies which incorporate the ability to report on compliance with the RTI Act.				
	Compliance with the Public Records Act 2002.				
Recordkeeping	Establish record-keeping systems compliant with Recordkeeping (IS40), Information Security (IS18) and Retention and Disposal of Public Records (IS31).				



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	Inform staff of best practice records management and ensure they are aware of the compliance and management obligations under the <i>Public Records</i> <i>Act 2002</i> .	
	Promote recordkeeping practices and encourage staff to attend training provided through Queensland State Archives	
	Create an information management strategy consistent with the RTI principles.	
	Offer information sessions providing an overview of the RTI and IP Act.	
Training	Include RTI and IP information in induction training packages. OIC has online training resources for this purpose that can be accessed by all agencies through the OIC website.	
	Implement ongoing training schedules to improve RTI and IP awareness for all officers.	
	Identify case management tools to manage RTI and IP applications and IP complaints.	
Information Technology	Consider innovative ways to use electronic documents records management systems (if applicable) to facilitate proactive release of information.	
	Implement tools for document classification on creation to facilitate maximum disclosure of information.	
	Consider future storage requirements required by the proactive release and publication if information.	
	Consider network capacity and bandwidth implications of providing more information electronically.	