

Hints and tips for developing your political finance oversight organization's purpose and remit

- A purpose statement should focus on 'why' and 'for whose benefit'.
- Keep it simple, short and clear.
- Ensure that it is in keeping with any governing legislation, i.e. that the role you are laying claim to is really yours.
- If it seems necessary or useful, you could also add an explanatory paragraph beneath your purpose statement, perhaps explaining the history of why your organisation came to exist, and how your purpose relates to those of other bodies operating in a similar arena.
- You may also want to list any powers you have, the matters within your remit, and exclusions from your remit.
- Your purpose statement should go through an approval process, for the sake of good governance, so you will need to consider who (e.g. your Board, a Government Department) should have oversight of this.