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- **You must use your own knowledge and the sources in this Insert to answer Question 1.**

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## **SOURCES FOR QUESTION 1**

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### **SOURCE A: *LIBERTY***

*Liberty* was founded in 1934 as the *National Council for Civil Liberties* and describes itself as, “a cross party, non-party membership organisation at the heart of the movement for fundamental rights and freedoms in England and Wales”.

According to its website, *Liberty*'s mission is “to protect civil liberties and promote human rights for everyone” and does so by campaigning “through the courts, in Parliament and in the wider community” using a combination of “public campaigning, test case litigation, parliamentary lobbying, policy analysis and the provision of free advice and information”.

### **SOURCE B: MEMBERSHIP OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

According to *The Electoral Commission* website, in 2010 there were 396 registered political parties in Great Britain and a further 43 in Northern Ireland. They included *A Country Once Proud*, *A Vote Against MP Expense Abuse* and *Action to Save St John's Hospital*.

In the same year, the *Directory of British Associations* listed more than 7,000 voluntary associations including some 1,500 trade associations, 1,350 professional bodies and 3,170 other organisations, many of which could be classed as pressure groups.

**Further, while the *Royal Society for the Protection of Birds* has an income in excess of £110m a year, and the trade union *Unison*'s annual membership subscriptions amount to £160m, the typical yearly income of the Labour and Conservative parties nationally is between £30m and £40m each.**

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