

Proposal auditor onboarding for Referenda #67 extension

1. General Project Information

Short description: Proposal auditor onboarding for Referenda #67 (Gov 2.0 referenda audits)

Project Category / Type: Governance/Treasury

Proponent: Abdulbee

KSM address: HBTJ7Poz9ya9pzS8AXK16tAqJ1qxXbVspkM9E6p57BJ1hJs

Requested allocation: 10 KSM (ie, 10 audits X 1 KSM in accordance with [Ref 67 extension post](#))

Discussion date: 10/04/2023 - <https://kusama.polkasassembly.io/post/2548>

Onchain publish date: 19/04/2023

Governance referenda origin call: Big tipper

2. Context

The Polkadot and Kusama treasuries have long played a pivotal role in funding projects and initiatives, enabling the community to contribute to the network's growth and development. There have been a couple of ideas to help improve the treasury process, notable of which is [referendum 67](#) (Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits)

In light of [referendum 67](#), Coinstudio has helped create more transparent and successful proposals by objectively reviewing and assessing treasury proposals, ensuring they are of high quality, and assisting teams in making improvements. The deliverables of Referendum 67 have made significant improvements to the quality of proposals. However, it is essential to decentralize the auditing process to maintain a fair evaluation system.

To decentralize and improve the auditing process, it was proposed to [extend](#) Referendum 67 by onboarding new members with the necessary skills and experience to become auditors.

As a candidate seeking to join the auditor team, I have demonstrated my auditing skills by conducting ten (10) thorough audits, showcasing my ability to assess the quality of treasury proposals objectively. Details of these audits can be found in [Table 1](#).

Proponent

My name is Abdulbasit Sadiq (Abdulbee). I currently contribute full-time to the ecosystem, mostly in the areas of ambassadorship, scam fighting, bounty curation, community moderation, governance discussions, and technical writing. I'm also currently the quality assurance officer at Dot.alert().

3. Problem

More auditors are needed to help decentralize the process

Regarding referendum 67, there's currently one auditor who helps evaluate the quality of proposals. Such centralization leads to a couple of issues including:

- Limited viewpoints: Having one auditor limits the auditing process to one point of view. This may reduce the level of representation of diverse interests during the proposal evaluation process.
- Centralization of “auditing voice”: Having a single “auditing voice” opens up the doors to a couple of issues:
 - For example, there's a risk of conflict of interest. An auditor might be presented with proposals that he/she should ideally not audit in order to ensure transparency (for example, a proposal that directly benefits the auditor). In such cases, it'd be ideal for such proposals to be audited by other independent auditors.
 - Also, having a single “auditing voice” reduces the diverse opinions and constructive debates that go into treasury proposals. Decentralizing the auditing process encourages comparison, more open discussions, and critical evaluation of proposals, which will all have a healthy impact on the treasury proposal mechanisms.

More auditors are needed to help adapt to the increasing workload of proposals

With the increasing rate of proposal submissions and with Gov 2.0 shipping to Polkadot soon, there's bound to be an increase in workload. Having more auditors will ensure a well-rounded coverage of proposal audits.

4. Proposal

The objective of this proposal is to

- Be onboarded as an auditor, sequel to the [extension](#) of referendum 67

Getting onboarded as an auditor is the primary aim of this proposal, but the KSM value requested is a token of gratitude for the audit work done so far.

Who does this proposal help?

This proposal will be of help to:

- Proponents who would like to improve the quality of their treasury proposals and better carve out their value proposition.
- The treasury in general.

4.1. Available solutions

There's currently one proposal auditor on referendum 67. But having multiple auditors allows for multiple viewpoints and will help decentralize the auditing process.

Having multiple auditors will make the process look like below:



4.2. Scope of work / Deliverables

What was done

During the candidacy phase, a total of 10 high-quality audits were made on Kusama treasury proposals. These audits were made using the proposal audit template provided by Referendum 67, and can be found in [table 1](#).

Note: Images/files hosted on ipfs may be unavailable once in a while. If any of the IPFS links below don't work, you can check the audit reports of each proposal [here](#).

Table 1

Referendum audits			
Name	Discussion page	Referendum page	Link to audit (IPFS)
Papercraft			
PAO Bounty			
Polkagate			
Elixir Docs			
Web3alert			
K.D (Subquery)			
Openbrush			
Kusamahub			
Hypercube			
Impulse DAO			

Future deliverables

The future deliverables will depend on the terms involved in the extension of referendum 67

4.3. Milestones

The milestones below are retroactive, since the deliverables for this proposal have already been achieved

Milestones	Date
Declare of interest	8th March 2023

Published first proposal audit	15th March 2023
Hit the candidacy minimum of 5 proposal audits	23rd March 2023
Hit the maximum of 10 proposal audits	9th April 2023

4.4. Budget

In this onboarding proposal, a total of ten (10) proposal audits will be tipped at **1 KSM/audit**. As stated in [referendum 67's extension document](#), this tipping amount will be kept by the candidate as a sign of gratitude, and not as compensation for the work done.

Tips		
Number of audits	tip/audit (KSM)	Total tip (KSM)
10	1	10

4.5. Other costs

N/A

4.6. Payment condition

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Terms of payment

- Being onboarded as an auditor is the major purpose of this proposal
- Onboarding is a sequel to the provision of a minimum of 5 high-quality proposal audits (10 of which are provided [here-in](#)).

Treasury request	
10 audits X 1 KSM	10 KSM
Total amount requested	10 KSM

NB: An EMA-7 conversion was not done for this proposal because the denomination is in KSM and not USD.

4.7. Key deliverables

The retrospective deliverables for this proposal included:

- 10 high-quality audits, which can be found [here](#)
- Published versions of these audits on the PA Referendum page of individual proposals
- Documentation of these audits on [referendum 67 discussion page](#).

4.8. Success criteria

The retrospective success of this proposal was determined mainly by the number of high-quality audits delivered within the candidacy period.

Success criteria	Minimum target metric	Metric achieved by candidate
Number of high-quality audits	5	10

Since **10** high-quality audits were made and the minimum quality audits to progress from candidacy is **5**, this would imply that the success metric was met.

4.9. Known constraints

There were no major constraints during the candidacy period. But a couple of minor roadblocks included:

- Occasional problems with audit uploads on ipfs.
- Maintaining objectivity when applying the template to bounty proposals and tipping proposals.

4.10. Reporting

Reports of referendum audits were made in:

- The [referendum page](#) of individual treasury proposals
- The discussion page of [referendum 67](#)

4.11. Communication strategy

- The results of individual audits were primarily communicated to teams via individual [referendum pages](#) using the credentials below:

Abdulbee:

On-chain identity: Abdulbee

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5. Team (candidate info)

Abdulbasit Sadiq

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5.1. Kusama/Polkadot reputation

1. Abdulbasit Sadiq (Abdulbee)

Abdulbasit joined the Polkadot ecosystem in 2021 and made the decision to dedicate day and night to helping improve the ecosystem however he can.

He is the founder of [Subdaily.io](https://subdaily.io) (a platform dedicated to Polkadot/Kusama growth, information, and education), a rust aficionado, and a full-time contributor to the Polkadot ecosystem. He contributes mostly in the areas of technical education, curation, Ambassadorship, scam fighting, and community moderation.

Current involvements:

- Polkadot Head ambassador for content
- Community moderator of official Polkadot/Kusama servers and channels
- Captain of the Polkadot Anti-Scam team.
- Technical writer on [Subdaily](https://subdaily.io)
- General curator of [Polkadot Anti-Scam bounty](#)
- Curator of the [community moderation team bounty](#)
- QA officer - dot.alert()

Previous involvements:

- ex-Community Manager - RMRK

6. Why Kusama?

The proposal to [extend Referendum 67](#) which warranted this onboarding proposal was made in Kusama. Consequently, it stands to reason that the submission of onboarding proposals for prospective auditors should take place in Kusama.

7. Comments, Qs&As