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Annual Report: Ensuring Canadians have the final say

After the 2015 election, I was given the job of being the Official Opposition's critic for Democratic Institutions. It is a portfolio in which I enjoy working, having written on and studied it for longer even than I have been a Member of Parliament. My time in Ottawa in 2016 was dominated by one spe- ommended holding a referendum which cific matter in this portfolio—the Liberal government's promise to change the way Canadians elect their Members of Parliament.

I believe strongly that a decision to change Canada's voting system must be taken by Canadians themselves, through a referendum, rather than by politicians. Elected MPs and political parties are self-interested terials on electoral reform, on my website actors in this debate, so the only way to en- at: www.ScottReid.ca/YourVote. sure that any significant change to the way Canadians elect their MPs is fair and an improvement over what we have is to let Canadians themselves decide. This is a position I have held for over two decades. and it continues to guide my actions on this all government would not be proposing a question.

Throughout the past year, my bottom-line was for Canadians to be given the final decision in a referendum if the government made a specific proposal to change the voting system. I expressed that position often, in the House of Commons, in the media, and throughout the 57 meetings held

by the Special Committee on Electoral Reform, on which I sat, from June through No- elects their MPs, and that government's vember.

On December 1, 2016, I was part of a fourparty majority on that committee that recwould place the current voting system against a new voting system, to be designed by the government, that would result in representation of each party in the House of Commons proportional to the percentage of votes each party received.

You can view the special committee's report, as well as additional background ma-

The Minister for Democratic Institutions attacked and dismissed the committee's work and recommendation. In early February, the new minister announced that the Libernew voting system after all, breaking its oftrepeated election promise to Canadians.

You might think all the time and taxpaver money spent on this question went to waste, once the government went back on its promise. I argue the opposite---this exercise has made it clear that most Canadians want to have the final decision if politi-

cians want to change the way their vote should not act in this way without the clear support of the people. For me, that victory is worth the cost.

A note on my expenses

The expenses comparison between my spending, the average spending by all MPs, and my ranking amongst all MPs shows the average and my ranking out of a total of 519 MPs. There are, of course, only 338 seats in the House of Commons. Here's why that number was used.

The 2015 General Election occurred in October, approximately halfway through fiscal year 2015/2016.

182 MPs served part of the year and retired or were defeated, and 215 MPs were newly elected midway through the year. Accordingly, the totals for those 397 MPs have been prorated to provide a uniform base from which to calculate the average spending per MP, and Mr. Reid's ranking. This accounts for the number of MPs above the usual total of 338.

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Annual Report to Constituents

2016

Dear Constituent

Each year I mail out an annual report providing information to help you evaluate how I'm doing as your representative in Ottawa.

In this report, include information on how I spent the money allocated to me by the House of Commons, in the most recent fiscal year for which information relating to all MPs expenditures has been made public (currently, I can provide you with information for the 2015 / 16 fiscal year).

Because the 2015 federal election took place approximately halfway through that fiscal year. close to 400 MPs either retired, were defeated, or were newly elected. Therefore, many of the financial figures inside are pro-rated to provide a uniform level to compare expenditures between MPs.

I hope you find this flyer informative. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely.

Scott Reid, MP Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston



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Around the Riding:

Some activities from around our constituency. — Scott R.

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Heritage Days

200th Anniversary of the Perth Military Settlement

FRONTENAC COUNTY

SYDENHAM

KINGSTON



SOUTH FRONTENAC Rural Economy Tour 2016



Touring farms in north Kingston



ALMONTE Puppets Up! Parade



CARLETON PLACE Winter Festival 2016



SMITHS FALLS Urban Jungle

Annual Report: Financial Report

OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE MOST RECENTLY-PUBLISHED **FISCAL YEAR**

This report outlines the money spent by the office of Scott Reid during the most recently-published fiscal year (ending March 31, 2016). It compares Scott's total to the average expenses per MP, and provides Scott's ranking amongst all 338 MPs.

"Member's Office Budget" plus goods & services provided by the House of Commons	MP Average 519 MPs* (2015/16)	Scott Reid (2015/16)	Scott's Ranking (out of 519)*
Staff Salaries and Service Contracts	\$212,726.24	\$246,444.11	155th
Travel & Residence Allowances (incl. housing allowances, per diems, and MP & staff travel)	\$60,371.74	\$0	519th
Hospitality, Gifts, and Events	\$3,099.97	\$3,221.57	199th
Advertising	\$11,565.55	\$0	519th
Printing	\$13,471.93	\$11,897.37	251st
Office Leases	\$31,893.85	\$15,967.32	461st
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$6,353.27	\$1,131.10	358th
Telecommunication Services	\$15,185.84	\$10,957.88	397th
Office Materials, Repairs, Postage & Training	\$15,086.16	\$2,499.10	493rd
Total Spending	\$369.754.56	\$292.118.45	443rd

^{*} For an explanation of this abnormal number of MPs, please see the note on the flip side of

For a more detailed breakdown of my expenses, visit the Parliamentary website: http://www.parl.gc.ca/membersexpenses.

Annual Survey:

☐ YES! Scott Reid is doing a good job of representing

☐ NO! Scott Reid is NOT doing a good job of representing

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