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# Annual Report: Spending Taxpayer Dollars Responsibly

ach year, my annual report includes a page summarizing my operating expenses for the most recent fiscal year for which data is publicly available. I believe it is my obligation to you to provide these figures.

I am frustrated—as I am sure you are—when I read about the fact that a significant number of current and former Liberal and Conservative senators have run up tens of thousands of dollars of questionable expense claims, and that 68 NDP MPs in the House of Commons are refusing to comply with an order, issued on August 12, 2014, to repay almost \$2.75 million in House officers (The Speaker, House Leaders unlawful expense claims.

How much the House of Commons costs Canadians (2014/15)

In fiscal year 2014/15, the House of Commons spent:

\$98.7 million\* for "Member's Office Budgets": Each MP's office is allocated expenses listed in the chart on the other side of this report. Some MPs receive additional supplements to cover additional expenses associated with large riding populations or geographically large ridings. For example, my Member's Office Budget receives a "Geographic Supplement" because our riding is 9,639 KM<sup>2</sup> (any riding over 500 square kilometers receives a supplement).

**\$20 million**\*\* for MP travel (including staff travel) and MP accommodations. This cost varies dramatically from one MP office to another, depending largely upon how far the relevant riding is from the national capi-

In 2012/13, the last fiscal year for which full House of Commons expenses are available, it cost just under \$430 million to run the House of Commons, with \$108 million paid out in the form of salaries to Canada's 308 MPs. This total includes additional salaries provided to and Whips of the parties, etc.) and contributions to MPs retirement funds.

How I spend my budget (2014/15)

Salary: When I was first elected (back in November 2000), MPs were paid \$108,000 per year. The next year, Prime Minister Jean Chretien boosted our salaries by over \$20,000, and I responded by promising to spend the entire \$284,700 to pay for staff salaries and other amount of the pay raise for local charities. I have been doing so ever since---mostly for the purchase of defibrillators for local arenas. church basements, and Legions. Over the past 15 years, I have contributed over \$270,000 from my salary for this purpose.

> Member's Office Budget: I've made the decision to put more money into certain areas than do most other MPs (for example, I maintain a relatively high staff salary level and have main-

tained multiple constituency offices), and much less on several other categories. I spent no public money on advertising last year, for the third year in a row. I was the second-lowest spender on travel, and I was in the bottom 15 spenders on hospitality and printing costs for things like this piece. It's not that I don't engage in some advertising in the local papers, or in travel or hospitality---it's just that I feel more comfortable paying for events like my January socials out of my own pocket.

#### For more details...

For a more detailed breakdown of my expenses, the expenses of every other MP, and the House of Commons' Annual Report to Canadians, please visit the Parliamentary website: http://www.parl.gc.ca/membersexpenses.

For more information on NDP expenses, visit this website: http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/ House/BOIE/pdf/statement-04-02-2015-e.pdf.

For more information on Senate expenses, visit this website: http://sen.parl.gc.ca/portal/ Reporting/AG/index-e.htm.

# **SCOTT REID'S**

# Annual Report to Constituents

2015

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.

Every year, I 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, this means that I can now provide you with information for the 2014 / 15 fiscal year).

Recently, there has been a sharp increase in attention to how Parliamentarians (both elected MPs and unelected Senators) spend or misspend the public's money. With this in mind, I am happy to devote this report to providing you, the residents of this riding, with information on how I spend the money allocated to my office.

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

Sincerely,

Scott Reid, MP

Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington



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<sup>\*</sup> In fiscal year 2013/14, \$96.6 million was paid as "Member's Office Budget".

<sup>\*\*</sup> In fiscal year 2013/14, \$20.5 million was paid for MP travel expenses.

# Around the Riding:

Some activities from around our constituency. - Scott R.

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COUNTY

Perth

"Build a Mountain of Food" Drive

COUNTY

O SYDENHAM



**SYDENHAM** Canada Day Parade



**HARROWSMITH** Canada Day Parade



"Ice Bucket Challenge" Fundraiser for A.L.S. Research



**MONTAGUE** 

Flying Club Fly-In Breakfast



**SMITHS FALLS** 

Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation AGM

# 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, 2015). It compares Scott's total to the average expenses per MP, and provides Scott's ranking amongst all 308 MPs.

"Member's Office Budget" plus goods & services provided by the House of Commons	MP Average 308 MPs (2014/15)	Scott Reid (2014/15)	Scott's Ranking (out of 308)*
Staff Salaries and Service Contracts	\$226,146.87	\$269,782.28	5th
Travel & Allowances (incl. staff travel)	\$65,022.58	\$704.87	307th
Hospitality, Gifts, and Events	\$3,986.39	\$251.99	297th
Advertising	\$15,443.46	\$0	308th
Printing	\$24,485.12	\$6,995.12	295th
Office Leases **	\$30,541.00	\$25,447.46	217th
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$1,882.25	\$3,151.74	61st
Telecommunication Services	\$11,990.37	\$8,805.11	260th
Office Materials, Repairs, Postage & Training	\$8,258.04	\$5,652.88	228th
Total Spending	\$387,756.08	\$320,791.45	290th
** Figures include two constituency offices: Carleton Place (all year) & Napanee (April through July)			* Includes pro-rated projections for new and retired MPs

# Annual Survey:

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

#### My email newsletter

I periodically send out an email newsletter that contains a few news items on programs and announcements from the federal government. If you would like to receive this email newsletter, please check "yes" below.

### I want to receive Scott's monthly email newsletter!

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