Annual Survey:

- ☐ YES! Scott Reid is doing a good job of representing me.
- □ NO! Scott Reid is **NOT doing a good** job of representing me.

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HOW AND WHEN I VOTE INDEPENDENTLY

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1. LACK OF TIME: On many votes, there simply is not enough time to conduct a Constituency Referendum. To conduct a vote, I have to design a referendum ballot, get it printed and mailed out, and leave enough time for voters to consider the issue and mail back their ballots. The entire process takes at least six weeks. So that rules out Constituency Referenda on a large number of issues.

I still break party ranks from time to time on issues like this. Recently, I decided that whenever a vote is of significant public interest, and I'm voting against my party's position, I ought to explain myself via some form of public statement. The first such statement was the explanation of my vote, on May 1, 2018 against a motion to demand an apology from the Pope for the role played by the Roman Catholic Church in Canada's dreadful system of Residential Schools. This statement is posted on my website.

2. LACK OF PUBLIC INTEREST: Some issues are of only marginal interest to many voters. One of my first Constituency Referenda, back in 2001, was on a bill that was attracting relatively little public attention. The result was that a very low number of ballots were mailed back to me. If a small enough number of voters participate, I can't really be sure that the small sample size accurately reflects the views of my constituents.

On this kind of issue, I do sometimes vote against my party, based on my own judgment. But what I normally do, is to try, at my party's weekly caucus meeting, to swing my colleagues around to my own point of view. Sometimes I succeed, and sometimes I do not!

3. In a Westminster-style parliament like ours, money votes such as the budget ought to be decided along partisan lines.

In any legislature modeled on the British parliament, the government holds power only as long as it wins every "money vote"---that is, every vote on whether or not to approve or

expend funds. A single defeat on any such vote automatically triggers an election. So it's reasonable to treat every such vote as a test of whether or not each MP supports or opposes the sitting government.

Let's look at a real-life example of how this works. In 1993, Jean Chrétien's Liberals were elected on a platform that included, among other things, a promise to scrap the goods and services tax (the GST). Immediately upon winning office, Chrétien reneged on this promise. One Liberal MP, John Nunziata, therefore voted against the budget. In consequence, Nunziata was thrown out of the Liberal caucus. He then sat as an independent MP, and successfully sought reelection as an Independent in 1997.

My view is that John Nunziata acted honourably, but that nonetheless it was reasonable to require him to leave the Liberal caucus. He had, in essence, voted no-confidence in Jean Chrétien as prime minister, and it was therefore inappropriate for him to sit as a member of a caucus that had, as its primary purpose, the goal of keeping Jean Chrétien in office as prime minister.

Since a very high percentage of the hundreds of votes that take place every year in the Commons fit in this category, it should come as no surprise that a large percentage of each MP's votes will be based solely on his or her party affiliation.

I hope that the mix I have provided, over the past eighteen years, between voting with my party, voting on the basis of my own beliefs, and voting as I am instructed by my constituents, is what the voters want. If you feel like writing to let me know what you think, please do so!

Sincerely,

Scott Reid, MP

Lanark—Frontenac—Kingston

SCOTT REID'S

Annual Report to Constituents

2018

Every year, Maclean's, the weekly newsmagazine, awards a series of "Parliamentarian of the Year" awards to MPs who have been voted, by their colleagues of all partisan stripes, as the best MP in some aspect of the job. This year, I was given the award for "Best Civic Engagement," on the basis of the Constituency Referenda that I hold from time to time on issues of particular importance, such as cannabis legalization, physician-assisted suicide, and same-sex marriage.

If Canada were a more democratic place, like Switzerland or Ireland, all such matters would be put to a national referendum, and the people of Canada, as a whole, would make the decisions. But the truth is, I've only held nine such Constituency Referenda in a parliamentary career that now spans nearly 18 years---which means, I only hold such a vote once every two years, on average.

So the obvious question is, Why Not Hold More? One direct vote, every two years, is a very modest amount of direct democracy. There are three reasons why I haven't put a larger number of issues onto the ballot as potential subjects for a Constituency Referendum:

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Around the Riding:

Some activities I've attended around our constituency.

LANARK

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South Frontenac Community Services BBQ

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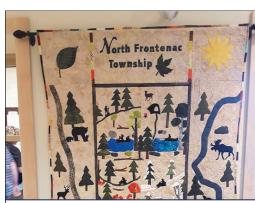
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SYDENHAM

ELGINBURGH

KINGSTON

— Scott R.



PLEVNA

North Frontenac Municipal Complex Open House



ELGINBURGH

Frontenac Federation of Agriculture AGM



CARLETON PLACE

People First Bunny Run



SMITHS FALLS

Delivering an AED to Station Theater



LANARK

Christmas baskets at St. Andrew's Church

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, 2018). It compares Scott's total to the average expenses of all MPs, and provides Scott's ranking amongst all 338 MPs.

"Member's Office Budget" plus goods & services provided by the House of Commons	MP Average 338 MPs (2017/18)	Scott Reid (2017/18)	Scott's Ranking (out of 338)
Staff Salaries and Service Contracts	\$263,627.83	\$313,309.49	23rd
Travel & Residence Allowances (incl. housing allowances, per diems, MP & staff travel)	\$69,039.94	\$0	338th
Hospitality, Gifts, and Events	\$5,725.20	\$3,716.63	227th
Advertising	\$19,560.78	\$0	338th
Printing	\$17,686.73	\$6,608.33	311th
Office Leases	\$34,032.32	\$30,099.11	205th
Office Furniture and Equipment	\$3,020.75	\$5,836.41	38th
Telecommunication Services	\$14,768.65	\$18,889.53	46th
Materials, Repairs, Postage, Training	\$9,408.86	\$2,110.15	333rd
Total Spending	\$436,871.03	\$380,569.65	302nd

* A small number of MPs resigned or were elected in by-elections. Figures for those seats are pro-rated to a full year. 1st is highest spend; 338th is lowest.

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

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