

SURVEY RESPONSES

Thank you to those who took the time to respond to the previous question: “Are you better off now than you were in 2015?”

12% of responders said “Yes” and 88% said “No”

If you prefer to answer the new survey online, please visit my website at www.patkellymp.ca

HAVE I REPRESENTED YOU WELL IN THIS PARLIAMENT, AS A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION?

Yes No

WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Parent ☐ Senior ☐ Veteran ☐ Retired ☐ Business Owner
☐ Working Canadian ☐ Unemployed ☐ Youth/Student
☐ Part of a multigenerational household

Comments:

Name(s):

Address:

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Career Services Event



For decades, people have been drawn to Alberta from across Canada and from around the world for economic opportunities. However, many thousands of people in Calgary have been struggling to find work for the past four years.

On May 23rd, I was pleased to co-host a career services event with my colleague Hon. Michelle Rempel (MP for Calgary Nose Hill).

This event brought together resources, including helping people with resume writing, accessing re-training programs and free professional photographs for online tools such as LinkedIn.

About 350 people attended the event. Many were young Calgarians struggling to enter the workforce for the first time, others were new Canadians facing the challenges of adapting to a new city, while some told me heartbreaking stories of being unemployed late in their careers despite decades of continuous highly skilled work experience.

I have repeatedly spoken about the Alberta jobs crisis in the House of Commons, at Parliamentary committees, in the media, and at public rallies for the energy sector. I've opposed job killing policies of the federal government that have triggered capital flight from Alberta and encouraged the federal government to table a serious plan to build pipelines and get energy products to market and make the Canadian economy more competitive.

I will continue fighting for jobs for my constituents when I am in Ottawa. I know many people are struggling and I hope that those who are looking for work can make use of the resources available to help find a job. 🍁



Photos from Ottawa & Calgary



Canada Day with Neighbours in Ranchlands



Ahmadiyya Canada Day Celebration with Mayor Nenshi, Premier Kenney & MLA's Yaseen and Copping



"Celebrate Canada" BBQ in Citadel



Blessed Marie-Rose Playground Groundbreaking



Met with the Cape Breton Partnership about Entrepreneurship & Taxes



Mortgage Professionals Canada



Insurance Brokers Association of Alberta



Royal Oak Victory Church Phase 3 Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting



Hoy Sun Association Banquet



Meeting with H&R Block in Ottawa



Meet & Greet at Shane Homes YMCA



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Westview Baptist Stampede Breakfast



Ranchlands Community Cleanup



Scenic Acres Stampede Breakfast

House to House

Serving Arbour Lake, Citadel, Evanston, Hawkwood, Kincora, Lynx Ridge, Nolan Hill, Sage Hill, Scenic Acres, Sherwood, Silver Springs, Ranchlands, Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, and Tuscany

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Dear Constituents,

Being your Member of Parliament is a tremendous honour and privilege. The House of Commons has now adjourned for the summer and will likely not meet again until after the election, which is expected in October.

When the House of Commons is sitting, I am in Ottawa attending to parliamentary business such as committee meetings, debates on bills and motions, the daily question period, meeting stakeholders, attending diplomatic or inter-parliamentary friendship functions, caucus meetings, and perhaps most importantly, votes in the House. I usually return to Calgary on weekends to spend time with my family and constituents. During the weeks when the House is not sitting, I meet with constituents in my office, attend community events, and visit seniors' residences and schools.

I am a member of the Conservative Opposition and the Shadow Minister for National Revenue in Andrew Scheer's Shadow Cabinet. It has been our responsibility to hold the current government to account and act as a "government-in-waiting."

Broken Promises

Over the past four years, the government has broken many of their key promises including small deficits and a balanced budget by 2019 (it inherited a balanced budget), a new electoral system, open and transparent government, a transformational national infrastructure program, and new military equipment, including an open competition to replace Canada's aging fighter jets.

None of these promises were kept. The current deficit is \$20 billion dollars and is now structural in nature, rather than as a result of funding infrastructure construction, which has not happened as promised. The government broke its electoral reform promise after a parliamentary committee recommended a national referendum on a new system that was not the government's preference. The

government's new access to information law was described by the Information Commissioner as a "step backward" in openness and transparency. The government has not made significant progress on important military procurement.

I have spoken out both in the House of Commons and in national media about the Minister of National Revenue's failure to effectively crack down on tax evasion while making the Canada Revenue Agency more service focused, as promised. Under the current minister, the agency made it more difficult for vulnerable Canadians like the disabled and single parents to access important tax credits and benefits, while Canadians with offshore transactions have been given special breaks (Fall 2018 Report of the Auditor General).

Ethical Scandals

Over the past four years there have been a series of ethical scandals involving the Prime Minister and members of his cabinet including:

- the Prime Minister's vacation, which violated the Conflict of Interest Act;
- the Prime Minister's trip to India when, among other things, he invited a convicted terrorist to an official dinner and tried to blame the Indian government;
- the Finance Minister's failure to properly disclose the private corporation through which he owns a villa in France;
- the Finance Minister tabling pension reform Bill C-27 that appeared to benefit himself after it was revealed that he retained direct control and ownership of \$10 million worth of shares in his family's pension management company;
- the Fisheries Minister who awarded a lucrative fishing quota to a corporation with connections to a member of his family and another Liberal MP's family.
- the Prime Minister, his top advisors, the Clerk of the Privy Council, and the Finance Minister's top advisor applied sustained and inappropriate pressure on then Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to interfere in the prosecution of

- SNC-Lavalin;
- the Mark Norman affair, wherein a senior naval officer was charged with breach of trust in an apparent attempt to make him the scapegoat after a leak revealed the Trudeau government planned to politically interfere in a shipbuilding contract.

Representing Calgary Rocky Ridge

In addition to its broken promises and ethical lapses, the current government has passed bills and undertaken policies harmful to many of my constituents who rely either directly or indirectly on the energy industry. I have repeatedly spoken out against Bills C-69 (anti-pipeline act) and C-48 (shipping ban).

I have done my best to represent the interests of my constituents during the past four years while offering criticism of the current government and being prepared to be part of a future government. I thank my hardworking staff in Calgary (Kelli and Kate) and in Ottawa (Brad and Trinity) and I thank the thousands of constituents who have taken the time to call, email, respond to questionnaires, or visit my office with your advice, observations and criticism and for sharing your own experiences and how they shape your views. Over the summer I will attend many community events and plan to knock on doors; I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

- Pat Kelly 🍁

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Andrew Scheer’s Policy Proposal Speeches

Canada faces serious challenges that will require thoughtful policy consideration and leadership. Important decisions will have to be made by the next parliament to address these issues. Andrew Scheer’s Vision for Canada series of speeches highlight several major policy proposals, including:

- Economy*

 - Recognizing that a dollar in the hands of the person who earned it is always better spent than a dollar in the hands of a politician who taxed it;
 - Repealing the carbon tax;
 - Repealing Bill C-69, the No-More Pipelines bill;
 - Ending the ban on shipping traffic in British Columbia;
 - Establishing clear timelines for regulatory approvals, and ensuring that Indigenous consultation is done promptly and correctly;
 - Banning foreign funded advocacy groups from using the approvals process to block important projects in the energy sector;
 - Asserting federal jurisdiction over projects in the national interest when necessary;
 - Working toward eliminating reliance on foreign energy supplies by 2030;
 - Balancing the Budget in five years through limits to spending increases, cutting corporate welfare, withdrawing from the Chinese-run Asian Infrastructure Bank, and eliminating the Canada Infrastructure Bank (whose only project to date has been funding SNC-Lavalin), among other measures;
 - Resuming the Conservative record of reducing taxes and deficits simultaneously;
- Environment continued*

 - Capping emissions and requiring companies which exceed the cap to invest in emission limiting technology, not imposing taxes;
 - Encouraging energy efficient renovations with the Green Homes Tax Credit;
 - Introducing the Green Patent Credit for inventors and entrepreneurs creating emissions-reducing technologies;
 - Reinstating funding for wetland, watershed, and fisheries conservation;
 - Harmonizing recycling standards across provinces;

Foreign Policy & Defence

- Identifying the geopolitical challenges posed by China, Russia, and state sponsors of terrorism like Iran to Canada’s security and economy;
- Improving relations with the United States while steadfastly defending Canada’s national interests;
- Continuing to pursue free trade with trustworthy and fair dealing countries;
- Fixing and depoliticizing military procurement;
- Enhancing cyber-security cooperation with allies;

Immigration

- Restoring a safe, orderly, and compassionate immigration system;
- Ending illegal border crossings between official points of entry by closing the loophole in the Safe Third Country Agreement;
- Prioritizing economic immigration;
- Improving integration services like language training for newcomers;
- Prioritizing refugees and asylum seekers facing true persecution, and enhancing private refugee sponsorship;
- Improving foreign credential recognition;
- Creating a just path to residency for low-skilled foreign workers;

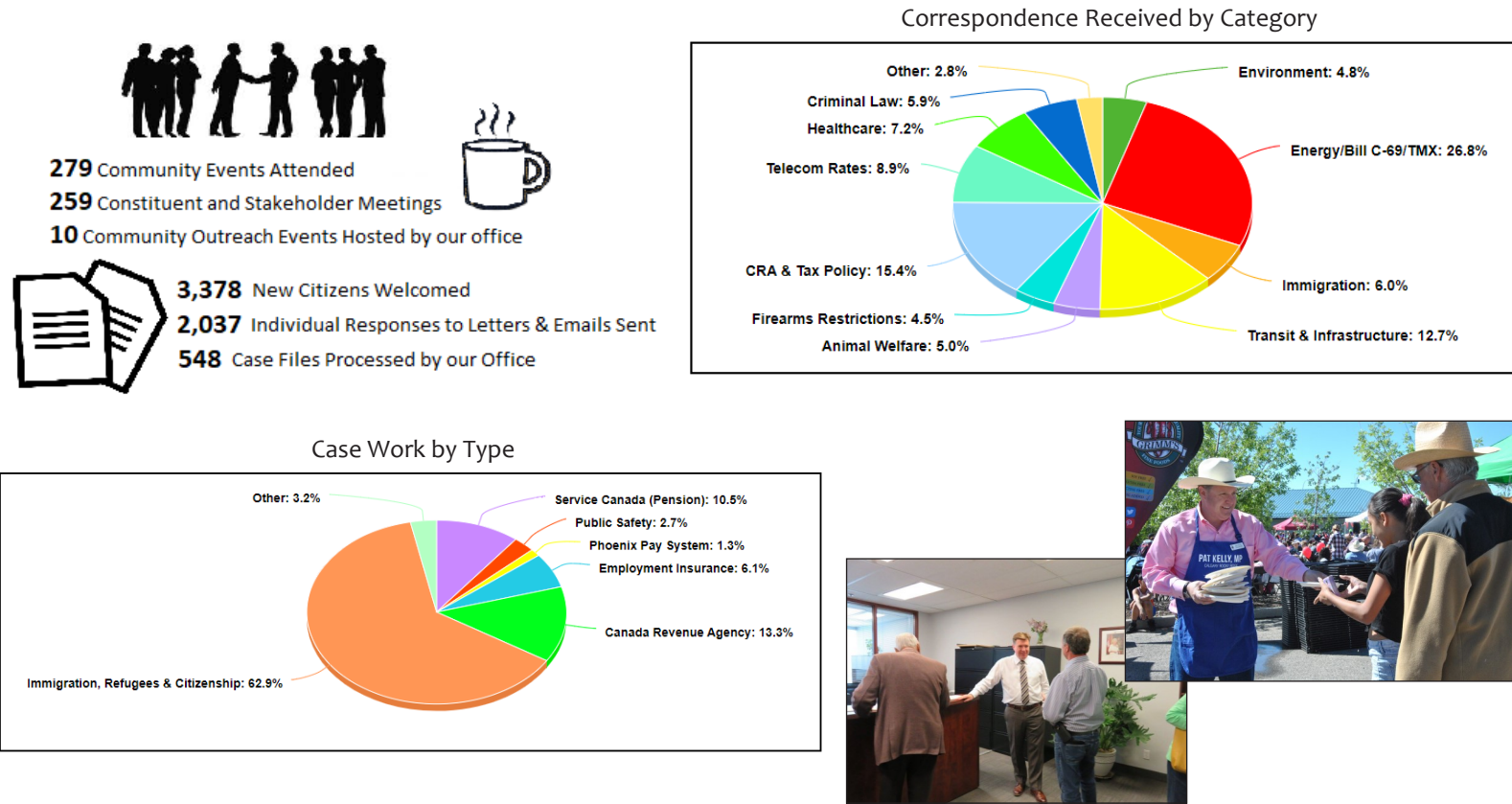
Environment

- Working with municipalities to stop dumping raw sewage into rivers;
- Tackling global emissions by incentivizing Canadian companies to export efficient technology and supply natural gas to reduce other countries’ dependence on coal power;
- Repealing the Carbon Tax, which pushes companies out of Canada with our high environmental and labour standards to countries like China;

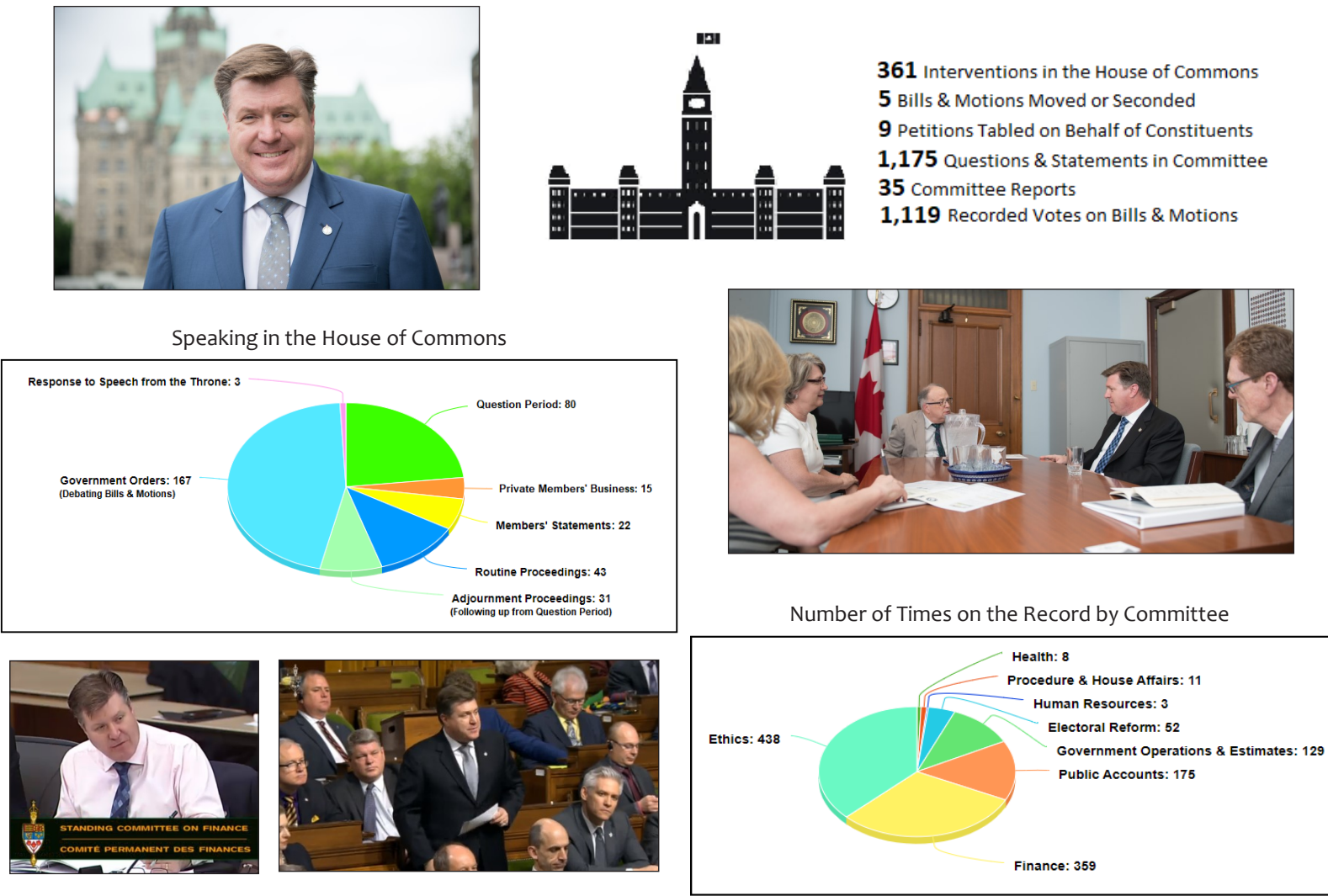


Business Report: By the Numbers 2015-2019

As your Member of Parliament, I attend community events, hold private and public meetings, and help constituents deal with departments and agencies of the federal government. Here is a summary of work my staff and I have done on your behalf.



As your Member of Parliament in Ottawa, I am the voice of constituents from Calgary Rocky Ridge. Here is a summary of my record.



Seniors Abuse & Fraud

Over the past four years a number of constituents have raised concerns about fraud, particularly when the intended victims are elderly. Some scams are run by sophisticated international criminals, while others are committed by those in a position of trust. While awareness of this type of abuse is growing, families of victims are often frustrated by the length of time it takes to investigate and prosecute fraud.

I was pleased to second Bill C-206 introduced by Jim Eglinski (MP for Yellowhead) to strengthen the criminal code to protect vulnerable Canadians.

On May 15th, I made the following statement in the House of Commons:

“Mr. Speaker,

Canadians are appalled by criminals who target seniors. That is why I rise today to raise awareness of seniors abuse and in support of Bill C-206 An act to amend the Criminal Code (Abuse of Vulnerable Persons). Whether from telephone or online scams, forgery, identity theft, or misplaced trust, seniors are vulnerable.

I know how easily elderly Canadians can become victims of financial abuse. My grandfather and his companion were victims of fraud committed by a caregiver. It happened during the final months of my grandfather's life, and sadly, he did not live to see the perpetrator punished.

Bill C-206 will make the age of the victim, and exploitation for financial gain, aggravating factors which MUST be considered at sentencing. Tougher sentences for cowardly criminals who prey on the vulnerable will send a strong signal that Canadians will not tolerate the abuse of seniors, so I urge all members to support Bill C-206.”

Unfortunately, Bill C-206 will not pass in this Parliament, but I hope that Canadians will become increasingly aware of the prevalence of fraud against seniors and demand better stronger laws and enforcement of existing laws to deter and punish those who prey on the vulnerable. 🍁

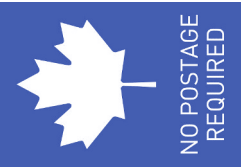
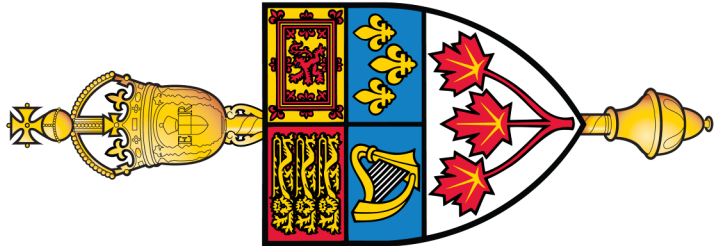
Final Report on Bill S-243

I sponsored Senator Percy Downe’s Bill S-243 in the House of Commons to measure and report on the tax gap: the difference between estimated tax revenue owing and revenue actually collected. It was unanimously passed in the Senate.

The bill received its second hour of debate at Second Reading on May 16th and was put to a vote on May 29th. The Liberal majority in the House of Commons opposed the bill and voted it down.

It will be up to a future Parliament to take necessary action to measure the tax gap.

I would like to thank my colleagues Tom Kmiec (Calgary Shepard), Matt Jeneroux (Edmonton Riverbend), and Michelle Rempel (Calgary Nose Hill) for their remarks at First and Second Reading. 🍁



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