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ON ELECTORAL REFORM
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RAPPORT SUR LES CONSULTATIONS
PUBLIQUES SUR LA RÉFORME
ÉLECTORALE


CONSULTATION(S)			
Date(s) of the Meeting(s)	Time and Length (start time and end time)	Location of Consultation	Total Number of People in Attendance (you may indicate the number of volunteers and employees who assisted with the meeting)
1. Sep. 28, 16	1.5 hours	Community Centre	30
Form: <input type="checkbox"/> Use of the Library of Parliament's visual presentation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation from the MP's office <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open microphone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Question and answer session <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guest speaker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Group Discussion			
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED (summary)			
Voting systems: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Replacement of the current voting system: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Voter turnout: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accessibility and inclusiveness: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mandatory voting: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Online voting: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local representation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify and describe below) <input type="checkbox"/>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
What did participants say about the current system for electing Members of Parliament (benefits/flaws)? Did participants feel that their votes are fairly translated? (suggested limit: 500 words)
Pro – simple, everyone knew how it works Con – inaccurate representation, encourages strategic voting
Which alternatives to the current system were discussed? Did participants identify specific features that are important to them in an electoral system (for example local representation, proportionality, simplicity, legitimacy etc.)? (suggested limit: 500 words)
Want a system that is meaningful to the country Alternative Vote – no proof that changing the system will improved system, too much power in PMO Mixed Member Proportional Proportional Representation – more people like this because it is more balanced Single Transferable Vote – people like this as well but it is very complicated, some were worried

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<p>that it will further decrease voter turnout but it is a different voting system which may lead to different policies, empowers voters and not strengthen parties *NOTE – STV was the most discussed system but no one could agree on which system they liked best.</p>	
<p>Did participants discuss why they feel many Canadians choose not to engage in the democratic process? Did they suggest ways to encourage participation? (suggested limit: 500 words)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public is getting disengaged - Party power in decline - Voting in decline - Political literacy in Canada is low - Not enough info for voters 	
<p>Did participants feel that it should be mandatory to cast a ballot? (Can include spoiling a ballot.) (suggested limit: 500 words)</p>	
<p>Yes = 7 No = 11 PS Some people did not vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should have a freedom of choice - Should mandate people to vote because it is a civic responsibility 	
<p>Did participants discuss online voting? Did they express a desire to maintain current voting practices? (i.e. presenting themselves at a polling station, vote secrecy etc.) (suggested limit: 500 words)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security issue - Glitches - Won't work - Increases distrust - Voter is not politically savvy enough - Not enough communication to voters - Accountability 	
<p>Were any other major topics raised by the participants? (i.e. referendum, women/minority representation, accessibility, voter turnout etc.) (suggested limit: 500 words)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% of people would like a change, 50% would like it to remain - Would like a change in the way we vote but would prefer a referendum 	
<p>SUMMARY OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS (suggested limit: 1000 words)</p>	
<p>Report submitted to Special Committee on Electoral Reform (ERRE)</p>	<p>Date: September 29, 2016</p>
<p>MP's signature: </p>	<p>Joe Peschisolido</p>

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