

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

### Pre-budget consultations 2012

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#### Responses

##### 1. Economic Recovery and Growth

*Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?*

More taxes, more spending on sustainable energy solutions. These are the technologies of the future.

##### 2. Job Creation

*As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?*

More investment in technologies that pay off in the future, rather than outdated non-sustainable practices.

##### 3. Demographic Change

*What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?*

Immigration of young (not old), highly skilled people.

##### 4. Productivity

*With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?*

Fund sustainable energy technologies.

##### 5. Other Challenges

*With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?*

There will be too few young people, and these are burdened with education debt. We do not need more Ph.D.'s in the Arts. Need to promote Sciences, engineering, and skilled crafts.