

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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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?

A strong recognition of culture in our communities to establish our identity with one and other. Increase trade in culture in the community. Protection of our health care system, and supporting our agricultural base. Extremely stringent control over the awarding of government contracts to the construction and supply industries to reduce corruption and the unequal distribution of the tax dollar to parties involved.

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?

Stronger involvement of the FBDB to strengthen our small business community. Prevent external purchasing of our primary industries, eg Caterpillar, Stelco, Alcan, airplane maintenance (i.e AirCanada) and mining to keep the jobs in Canada. To prevent external interests from moving these industries outside Canada and leaving our people unemployed.

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?

Increase the desire for our population to want to have children so we can reduce immigration and provide our own employment base especially in the health care sector.

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?

Support small business, reduce external influences in purchasing our primary industries, support a healthy cultural sector.

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?

Help first nations establish dignity and self respect and increase opportunity for cultural and small business creation. Reduce external influences in our primary industries, create business and research in renewable energy initiatives to allow this sector to grow and help protect our environment.