

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?

Although everything should be reviewed, do not use across the board cuts, but as a member of the CHA funding for Canadian history already low should be sustained.

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?

We as a nation our policy makers do not do enough to ensure the viability of our Canadian industries with secondary and primary processing. Soon we will be nothing but log cutters and short term jobs building pipelines to move raw natural resources.

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?

Why is Canada not doing anything to try and increase immigration from developed nations, we seem to be only able to attract unskilled labour from the "3rd world"

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?

Already a baby step with change to OAS age limit, now do the same with CPP, no early application, must be 65 years old to receive.

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?

I don't know the answer, but our MP's should examine in their communities why the growing numbers at food banks, municipal infrastructure is failing, and financial problems with individuals. A good baby step is the recent change to mortgage requirements.