

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?

we need affordable housing for families, because so much income is taken up paying rents and mortgages, therefore less is spent in other areas. I think initiatives put in place for local entrepreneurship are necessary. We received such a grant to get a small business going. It was helpful and brought us great success. We have a vast variety of talents in our cities and provinces. We need to stop farming out work to other provinces and use our individual resources.

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?

Be more self sustaining, teach our people to be more self sustaining.

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?

Heavier Promotion of skills training in needed fields. Discounts or grants or tax breaks made available for those who committ to taking those specific trainings and go where position is most needed,

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?

When it takes so much money to go to university in order to take the education necessary for a job, there are many people that are not able to afford it

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?

As a family who is just out of the low income bracket, we find it hard to make ends meet still because now my child tax is decreased. We also no longer qualify for the GST credit because we made less than \$200 too much. Yes it is because we made more money, but everything costs do Much, it is hard to get on top of things. We are not in debt other than for our house, we are wise with our money but a dollar

does not go as far as it used to. My husbands business expenses all have to come out of his pocket as a salesman.