

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?

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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?

green energy; *not* hydro which displaces enormous amounts of land, flora and fauna and releases large amounts of greenhouses as methane, one of the worst GHGs. Support local small businesses. Stop the expensive F-35 fighter in favour of the cheaper Super Hornet with its existing technology, cheaper to train pilots already flying the similar CF-18; create Canadian support technology as would occur with F-35. Stop building expensive and unnecessary prisons, given our decreasing crime rate, with sweetheart deals with foreign corporations. Traditional neoclassical economics as preached by "conservatives" worldwide is a myth and mindset perpetuated by language like "uncertainty" and "debt crisis", given the obscene profits of multinationals killing our planet. A dead planet is not viable by any means, economic or otherwise.

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?

more creative economic strategies, utilizing public and private resources as per previous.

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?

more comprehensive education is a key; tax rich people more, especially politicians with obscene pensions.

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?

Create effective legal mechanisms for rapid recall of politicians elected to pseudomajorities. Create an electoral system of proportional representation.