

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?

Continue fiscal restraint within Government Programs not contributing to sustainable employment of Canadian citizens. Maintain and improve Research & Development within the Canadian Entrepreneurial sector that contributes to revenue based employment. Support added value industries within our natural resource sector. Enhance post secondary education opportunities in support of global growth sector needs. Develop a Canadian Resource Center in meeting Global needs and fill it with Canadian expertise.

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?

Same as noted in question 1. Small Canadian Companies need information on market 'demands' and growing needs, market identification and distribution networks or trade communication channels. Canadian are great entrepreneurs but lack the financial capacity to do the research on industry related trends and demands. Follow global needs..... Check supply & demand..... Put out the call.

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?

Keep the aging healthy and working. Connect expertise with the demands within their local and regional communities. Canadians teaching Canadian skills. Canadians working with youth entering the workforce, mentoring behavior and work ethics. Creating links for a transitional workforce that produces a value driven product.

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?

Teach ethics in business, value driven responsibility within the workforce, teamwork, global cultural communications & skills, changing markets, changing trends, complexity of competition, flexibility and perseverance. What are we best at, see a need for, see growth potential in and can sell.

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?

Social disparity, crime, lack of justice in the face of illegal activities, and disconnected communities. First we need to build confidence that there is a simple legal solution when there is faith and hope that you can be successful by following the steps of our leaders in business, industry and government. Too often we prove to be the worst offenders. Everyone knows that you lead by example. What happens in business stems from the top. Great front desk clerk has a great boss more often than not. Can we not emulate and have our leadership lead by example. Ethics in business, government and communities must be promoted and conversely unethical practices should be confronted and exposed. Maybe we could do something to forget our God given 'Rights' and start earning points towards them. What a simple thought! Federal Challenge is just grow up.