

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?

Reputable economic research and data confirms the highest return on investment and the greatest multiplier effect will be gained through investment in a child care system in Canada. It should be affordable, accessible, publicly funded and not for profit.

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?

Research clearly demonstrates the federal government's economic and social goals will be realized through investment into a Canadian Child Care System. Job creation, construction, early childhood educators, income taxes, consumption taxes, healthier children, more parents able to work, etc.

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?

Investment into a Canadian Child care System. healthier children = more productive adults. More tax payers.

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?

Investment into a child care system that is affordable for all parents to access who want and need child care. Transfers to the provinces that are designated for increasing child care spaces in the public not for profit 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?

The greatest challenge for parents with young children is finding and affording quality child care. The challenge for seniors is having to look after their grandchildren so parents can work. The federal government must take action to create the public policy environment where a child care system will be built to meet the needs of Canadians.