

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

### Pre-budget consultations 2012

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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?*

job creation sustainable management of natural resources encourage diversification of industries  
promotion of research and development in science, technology, alternative fuel fields

#### 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?*

apprenticeship programs for youth in trades and other fields programs that encourage employers to hire unemployed Canadians incentives for increased Canadian manufacturing in sectors where it makes sense

#### 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?*

apprenticeship programs for youth, starting in high school incentives for training in needed skill  
increased immigration, and also increase immigration fees to pay into public programs

#### 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?*

grants for research and development in science technology, and alternative fuel fields increased  
domestic manufacturing of goods encourage tourism

#### 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?*

many first nations groups are demoralized and trapped by dependence on the system. in my opinion, our country should offer more opportunities for aboriginal youth and leaders to become empowered and educated to help their own communities. the preservation of our natural environment is essential to our country, extracting of natural resources should be regulated to a maintain a reasonable balance. in our cities small businesses have difficulty competing with major multinational chains. big box stores should be developed outside of downtown cores, towards the edge of city limits.

