

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?

Raise corporate taxes to previous levels.

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?

Better access to training for our young people. Train more young Canadians to be ready for trades positions rather than bringing in temp foreign workers.

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?

Financial Incentives to young families to have more children. Don't cut any more federal jobs, provide meaningful internship jobs for youth

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?

the onus needs to be on employers and employees. Encourage unionized worksites. Enable more workers to take advantage of upgrades, training, and re training opportunities.

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 erosion of well paying jobs in Canada is one of the biggest challenges today. New jobs coming to replace old ones, but the rate of pay and benefits for new jobs must be as good or better than those lost. Drop Bill 377