

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?

Canada needs a national childcare program, stable and affordable. Look at the studies from Quebec's program, jobs were created, families were able work. It is no wonder our population is declining, young families spend as much on childcare, as they do on university. It is a young families second highest expense, after housing. Who can afford more than one child?

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?

Pump oil eastward, not over mountains and across oceans. By working towards using our resources to the benefit of Canadians, instead of foreign interests, will help the eastern, Ontario's manufacturing sector and help lower heating costs in Eastern Canada

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?

Young people cannot afford post secondary, they end up in debt for ten or more years. Offer scholarships, available upon completion, to young people who are willing to enroll in programs where skills shortages have been identified. Offer incentives to employers how accept and pay a working wage to apprentices and to graduates to help off set the training proponent of taking on a new young employee. Establish a national childcare program, so young families can work and know their children are in stable and affordable childcare.

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?

A national childcare program, would be a good start!

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?

A national childcare program, would be a good start! Leave the date of CPP ALONE, but offer incentives to seniors, who wish to retire later. Make immigration for skilled labour, easier.