

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 funding the public institutions and programs, such as the CBC and NFB, that help drive and sustain our digital economy in order to preserve Canada's economic recovery. Support our own industry so that we don't have to depend on foreign and American projects. Seems like a constant battle. Also even tax credit if possible between provinces so that we don't constantly compete against each other to attract projects.

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?

Increase funding to the Canada Media Fund and Telefilm, two artistic and economic drivers that spread Canadian cultural product around the globe while simultaneously kick-starting job creation at home. We really need to support our own and create our own industry. Also support Human Resources and crack down on companies that abuse the system and get by hiring actual employees by naming them "independent contractors" so that they are not entitled to stat pay and holiday pay.

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?

Invest in services such as Performing Arts Lodges of Canada and CSARN, that directly address the unique needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens, senior artists.

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?

Expand and enhance existing tax credits for audio-visual content creation and introduce measures to attract advertisers to support websites featuring Canadian content.

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?

Crack down on companies that do not follow Employment standards and are constantly breaking their rules - ?