

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?

Less government intervention in the marketplace, removal of red tape to allow business to be more able to efficiently adapt to changing market conditions.

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?

Removal of Supply Management in dairy and poultry to allow for more market opportunities.

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?

Raise age of retirement in government and crown corporations. Make incentives for people to start in the skilled trades. Remove the stigma of not going to university and rather encourage trade schools. We don't need more people in humanities and social sciences. We need plumbers, mechanics and electricians.

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?

Less corporate tax.

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?

Less government is always better. Government is always a drain on the economy. There are certain things that must be done, but the Canadian Government is too large and hinders economic growth and development.