

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?

Repairing aging infrastructure, and focusing on new technologies with high reward potentials, like renewable energy sources.

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?

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?

As much as possible to drive training and engagement with younger generations, which will be required to step up when the Baby Boomers and Gen X retire. Campaigns promoting training, corporate and social responsibility, and similar values specifically targeting these younger generations.

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?

Stop ignoring, muzzling, and otherwise confounding scientists. That is the exact opposite to how we should be treating Canadian scientific professionals.

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 Canadian environment and combating global climate change should be our #1 priority. Focusing on "how will we care for retiring Baby Boomers?" in a time when the global environment is rapidly decaying seems like such a selfish and short-sighted strategy. Doing things which may not be in the best interest of the aging population but will favour & protect our future generations should be out focus.