

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?

Decrease of spending to military, and prison systems. Focus on education and health care first and then find money for the rest.

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?

We should only be increasing our national trade if it is highly benefiting us. We should mainly focus on ways to keep and create our own jobs within the country. We should focus more on sustainable industry because its the only thing we can truly rely on.

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?

Providing more incentive for skilled workers to be trained. GRants, student loan help, etc. We should be investing our finances into more crown businesses that actually will make money to help pay for things, without tax increases. We should not be selling off crown companies. Our health care system needs more funding and our prisons less.

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?

Corporations should have to limit their manager to worker ratio. North American ratios are too low. Need more one on one skill training to increase productivity. Access to higher education for any/all.

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?

Any business that is tourised/ environmentally based ar suffering because Canada is geting a bad reputation in that field.