

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?

- an increased use of environmentally friendly sources of power. - a decrease in the export of natural resources in favour of doing the processing and manufacturing in Canada. - both of these initiatives would increase employment - less dependence on U.S. markets

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?

- please see my response to question # 1 - small business and local business stimulation would make us less dependent on foreign markets.

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?

- we should make it easier for skilled people to immigrate into Canada - we should be training more health care workers and should be making jobs in this sector stable and financially attractive. - there should be more supports in place to keep seniors in their own homes.

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?

- job creation should focus on full time stable employment

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?

I feel that seniors and health workers are facing the greatest challenges. The Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security payments should be increased. There should be no private health care in this country. Funding for the CBC should be increased. It is a major influence in what makes us Canadian and is a national treasure.