

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?

Ongoing funding for artistic activities is important, particularly in minority communities. Artistic endeavours foster creativity, which is vital to Canada's strong economic growth.

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?

Investment in small non-profit arts organizations generates numerous jobs.

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?

Arts and culture provide a strong stimulus for the entry of young people in the workforce. Arts and culture add value to the experience of newcomers to Canada.

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?

Artistic endeavours foster creativity, which can in turn give Canadian businesses a competitive edge.

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?

Policies that stimulate Canada's manufacturing sector are necessary. Increased output of Canadian products is key. The arts industry requires more support. Villages and regions also need support.