

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?

Free university education for the general public would provide a larger creative toolkit and mindset within the general public, which is truly the heart of economic growth. That, combined with supportive opportunities for young entrepreneurs would create an environment in which ideas flourish, and money is brought into communities through creative development. Reallocation of funds from military and crime control could support all costs for this. Also, a focus on rehabilitation programs for non violent offenders, which cost taxpayers incredible amounts of money to keep in jails. Also, Canada needs to stop bailing out the banks, there are alternatives rising everywhere, our country need not be afraid of the banks "leaving," we are an adaptable people, and something would quickly rise to take their place, such as the Credit Union, or even this new Bitcoin idea that is emerging on the internet. That money should be going to hospitals, schools, road repair, science, not people that squander it foolishly.

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?

Entrepreneurial training programs. A stronger focus on the Art that Canada has to offer to the world, more opportunities for multiple artist to showcase themselves and their art in one place without large fees, such as affordable concert venues for musicians, and community art galleries for painters. Bring back Canada's focus on environmental science, there is a lot of things to study in Canada's environment, and many jobs could be created and filled in that sector. Also, make larger companies pay more taxes, while making smaller businesses and the average person pay less. It may also be wise to pass a legislation on restricting development of very large corporations, so that smaller businesses are given a chance to grow. Wolfville, Nova Scotia is a great example of a town that is thriving off of the fact that large corporations aren't aloud to open within town limits. Many new small businesses have opened, creating a boom of new jobs in the area. And the town is bustling with positive activity.

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?

Free education. Rehabilitation of non-violent offenders combined with training in a skill/trade. Training programs for the homeless to learn skills/trades.

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?

Creation of healthier standard business model, regulation of healthier work environments. And once again, free education to create that healthy creative spirit that drives an individual to be productive.

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?

Most of all, I think the average Canadian individual faces a dire crisis in regard to how they will afford the increase in taxes posed by Bill C-10. Dependence on fossil fuels is also a crisis that many communities in the countryside will face as they become more isolated from cities and important government facilities. And another important consideration is the inevitable rising of the ocean, the coasts should definitely be considering how they may confront this issue.