

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?

Raw materials and resources should be processed in Canada, for value added and to create more local jobs and a stable economic base. Access to local farms and food should be encouraged to promote food security. This should reduce health care costs as nutrition is lost via lost distance shipping.

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?

Everyone is proud to be a Canadian! MADE IN CANADA should be encouraged to promote internal trade. What are we importing that we could manufacture to a higher quality for the same or lower costs? QUALITY is what counts and people will buy it.

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?

First Nations need education and training!!!!

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?

Increased productivity is directly a result of education and research & development. Free technical/university education to anyone who can be accepted. Fail them if they don't pass their tests. Sponsor with industry more R & D. Maternity leave for 6 months to 1 year should be mandatory. Healthy kids make better workers. Healthy kids make happier Moms!

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?

CBC: Community Radio and the National focus of CBC ties Canada together. The budget should never be decreased. We need the CBC!!!!