

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?

1. Encourage consumer spending to promote business and increase employment. 2. INCREASE CORPORATE TAXATION. 3. Careful and cautious and steady resource development to discourage high dollar and consequent lack of competitiveness on a world stage. Environmental protection must be a priority otherwise the costs later will cancel any savings made now.

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?

1. Canadians must have priority for all jobs, always! 2. Spend money on green energy production, creating jobs for Canadians. 3. Retraining where required. 4. Encourage and assist small business start up. 5. Enhance downtown local business communities. Bring the people back into their own communities and create local employment.

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?

1. Apprenticeship programs 2. Retraining programs. 3. Cheaper University and College education. 4. Encourage Immigration

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?

1. Encourage and assist small business. 2. Encourage and assist immigration. 3. Encourage employers to pay fair wages and offer attractive benefits. A happy worker is a productive one. 4. Stop blaming the aging population for everything and look seriously at "Dutch Disease". Our high dollar is killing our productive Industries.

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?

The Manufacturing Industry is facing the greatest challenges. The challenges being faced are in trying to compete in a world market when the Canadian dollar is so high. The Federal Government needs to quit catering to the oil industry demands and driving up the dollar, then focus on what is best for Canada, it's

people, and the environment. In my opinion, we need to regain our sovereignty and start taking care of the needs of Canadians FIRST.