

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?

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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?

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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?

ENCOURAGE IMMIGRATION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES BY RECOGNIZING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS AND ESPECIALLY THE BIRTH-PROMOTION POLICIES HERE IN CANADA, AND NOT BE DEPENDENT ON IMMIGRANTS ONLY.

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?

ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMEs (SMALL OR MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES) AND NOT JUST MAJOR AND LARGE MULTI-NATIONALS.

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 LINGUISTIC INTEGRATION OF NEW IMMIGRANTS AND NEWCOMERS, IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, ENGLISH IN THE REST OF CANADA AND FRENCH IN QUEBEC.