

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

Pre-budget consultations 2012

Théâtre des Turcs Gobeurs d'Opium

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?

More active support for the arts. Especially for emerging arts companies, which lack funding, particularly by the Canada Council for the Arts and Heritage Canada, which are allocating dwindling amounts of money. We believe that the current situation is dangerous and arbitrary with respect to long-term nationalism in the country.

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?

Promoting growth in the arts increases the vitality of related businesses and services. It is a way of ensuring the flow of money in Canada and promoting nationalism, tourism and growth of domestic trade. Promote the distribution of works.

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?

Privatize some health services, as is already the case with dental services, for example. Make it easier for immigrants to have their credentials recognized. Help reduce tuition, especially at the university level.

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?

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?

Companies working in the arts and communications.