

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

Pre-budget consultations 2012

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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?

spending on education, healthcare, social programs, and the arts. Restraint is not the way to recover. See the report done by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

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?

Spending on social programs, education, healthcare and the arts. This will create jobs.

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?

Increase spending to education, health care, and social programs. Way more money needs to be spent on finding new ways to deliver home care to aging Canadians.

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?

No ideas on this

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 poor are facing the most challenges, and programs of austerity are making it worse. There are extremely poor families, seniors, and children in this country. This is our biggest challenge. The income gap is widening. Austerity programs are not working, nor will they. Tax the rich, and tax the rich corporations to the hilt. They have the money to fix this problem.