

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

Pre-budget consultations 2012

UTEX Scientific Instrument Inc.

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?

Exporting needs to be made easier. It's a fact that we are good at a lot of things that the Americans need and want. We need to make the border more transparent. Currently it takes too much time to process shipments and the word we're in Canada scares the Americans to death.

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?

Again if it's easier to export, sales will rise creating new 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?

Encourage our schools to graduate perspective employable people rather than people with tons of degrees and a drive to only get big paying jobs.

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?

Encouraging employers to invest in automation and give grants to retrain students coming out of University programs looking for top paying jobs at entry level positions.

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?

Make it easier to do business and give us some input to our school systems.