

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?

Less spending money outside of Canada. Less handouts to big business and corporations, they should use their own profits to fund their own businesses. Increase taxation rates for the high earner categories and eliminate the tax shelters.

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?

Eliminate large bonuses to all corporate executives for underperforming. Require all companies to pay all employees a fair wage for work performed.

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?

Improve school curriculums to address the needs of the job market. Increase funding to schools secondary and post-secondary to lower student debt loads, and so they can provide the necessary equipment and materials so that students can learn the skills.

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?

Require that corporations return a certain percentage of the profits back into the business to replace aging equipment to show the employees that they are committed to improving and maintaining their competitiveness. Workers won't produce in crappy working conditions, no matter where in the world they are in.

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 federal government should place the needs of Canadians throughout this land as a priority and fund Canada first, before we spend money on the rest of the world. We would have enough money to fix all the roads and bridges and other infrastructure if we did.