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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?

1) Reduce staff in federal institutions (I have seen many incompetent people and wasting of material resources). 2) Invest in basic research.

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?

I'm sorry but I do not have the skills nor the information needed to answer this question.

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?

Unfortunately, there's nothing that can be done. Pharmaceutical drugs and our current technological society will only increase the aging of our population and the gap between rich and poor countries.

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?

Invest in basic research, namely in projects that have potential because of exceptional creativity.

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?

I do not have the skills nor the knowledge required to answer this question.