

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

### Pre-budget consultations 2012

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Responses
<b>1. Economic Recovery and Growth</b>
<i>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?</i>
people over profits, local over multinational investments We need investment in infrastructure and more improvements in rail and transportation /roads/ bridges/ water and sewer systems upgraded. more cycling trails and routes across Canada
<b>2. Job Creation</b>
<i>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>
Resources should address upgrading and replacing worn out and obsolete community infra structure.
<b>3. Demographic Change</b>
<i>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?</i>
Canadian aging.. more programs and opportunities to keep seniors engaged, active, healthy communities etc.. re. skills shortage.. Free post high school education, based on marks /aptitude and interest, not cost.. implement return of service agreements for free education.
<b>4. Productivity</b>
<i>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?</i>
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<b>5. Other Challenges</b>
<i>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>
who? new post high school students.. what? employment in challenging fields free education to students in university and community colleges..