

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?

investment in renewable energy. less military spending.

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?

further incentives for innovation to private companies (especially those in tech and renewable energies).

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?

do whatever it takes to keep tuition down.

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?

youth feel disenfranchised and excluded. getting a job in their field of study is nearly impossible and crippling student debt is minimizing youth's faith in the Canadian job market. more younger people need to be in leadership roles as it is not only what the market is doing by how it is doing it that needs to change. youth are motivated in very different ways and will become surprisingly innovative and productive if encouraged. give incentives and financial aid for new and creative companies and the arts so that younger people can create the companies they want rather than apply for jobs in the ones they can't get into.

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 arts.

